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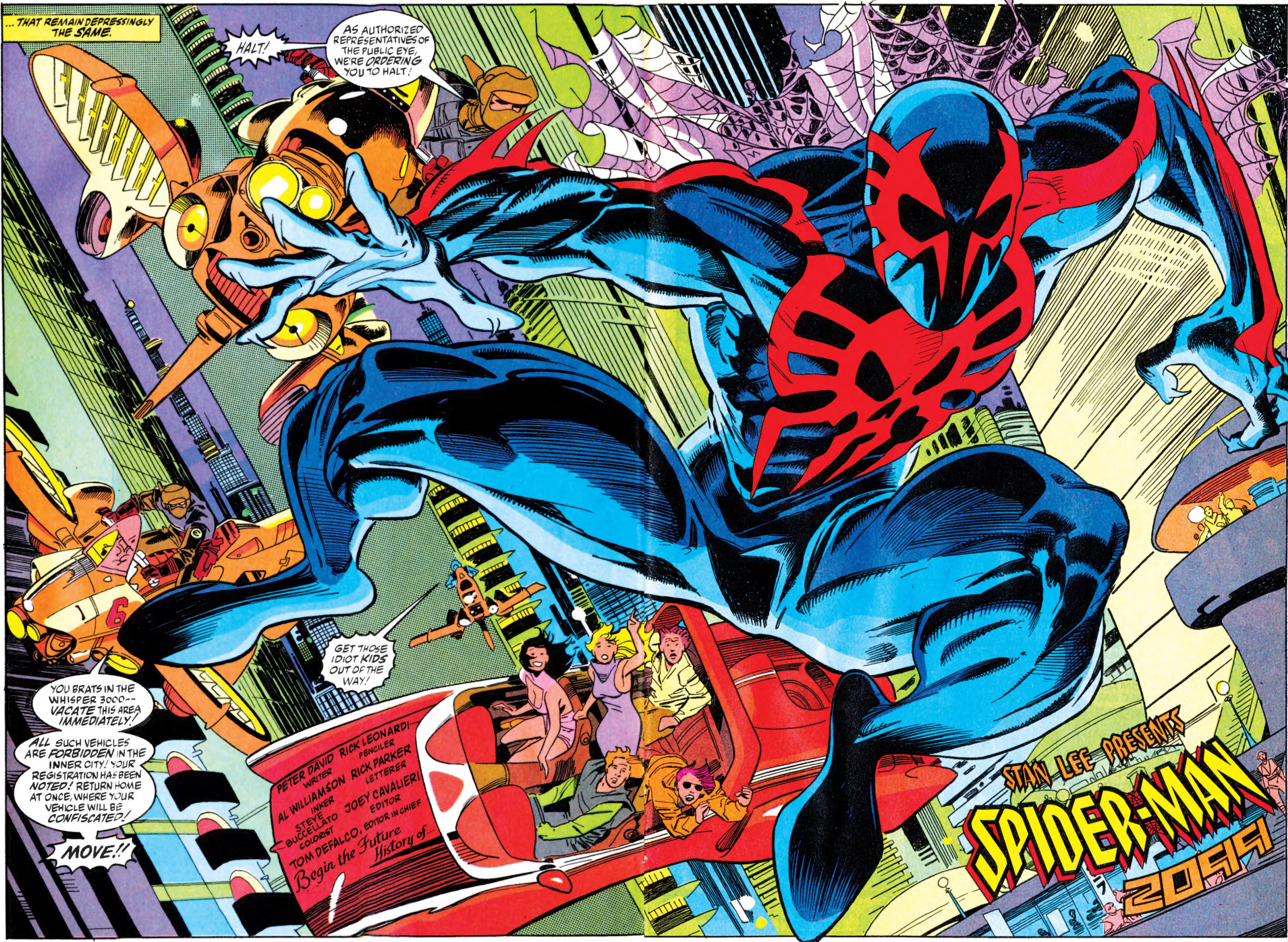
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... THAT REMAIN DEPRESSINGLY THE SAME.

HALT!

AS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC EYE, WE'RE ORDERING YOU TO HALT!

GET THOSE IDIOT KIDS OUT OF THE WAY!

YOU BRATS IN THE WHISPER 3000-- VACATE THIS AREA IMMEDIATELY!

ALL SUCH VEHICLES ARE FORBIDDEN IN THE INNER CITY! YOUR REGISTRATION HAS BEEN NOTED! RETURN HOME AT ONCE, WHERE YOUR VEHICLE WILL BE CONFISCATED!

MOVE!!

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THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING! SURRENDER INSTANTLY OR WE WILL USE DEADLY FORCE!

WHAT THE BLAZES--!

HOW DOES HE MOVE THAT FAST?!

WE'RE HERE TO ARREST HIM, NOT ADMIRE HIM! HE WENT BETWEEN THOSE BUILDINGS! MALIK, WITH ME! THE REST OF YOU, CUT HIM OFF FROM THE OTHER SIDE!

OKAY, MALIK, PROCEED WITH CAUTION. ALCHEMAX WANTS HIM ALIVE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

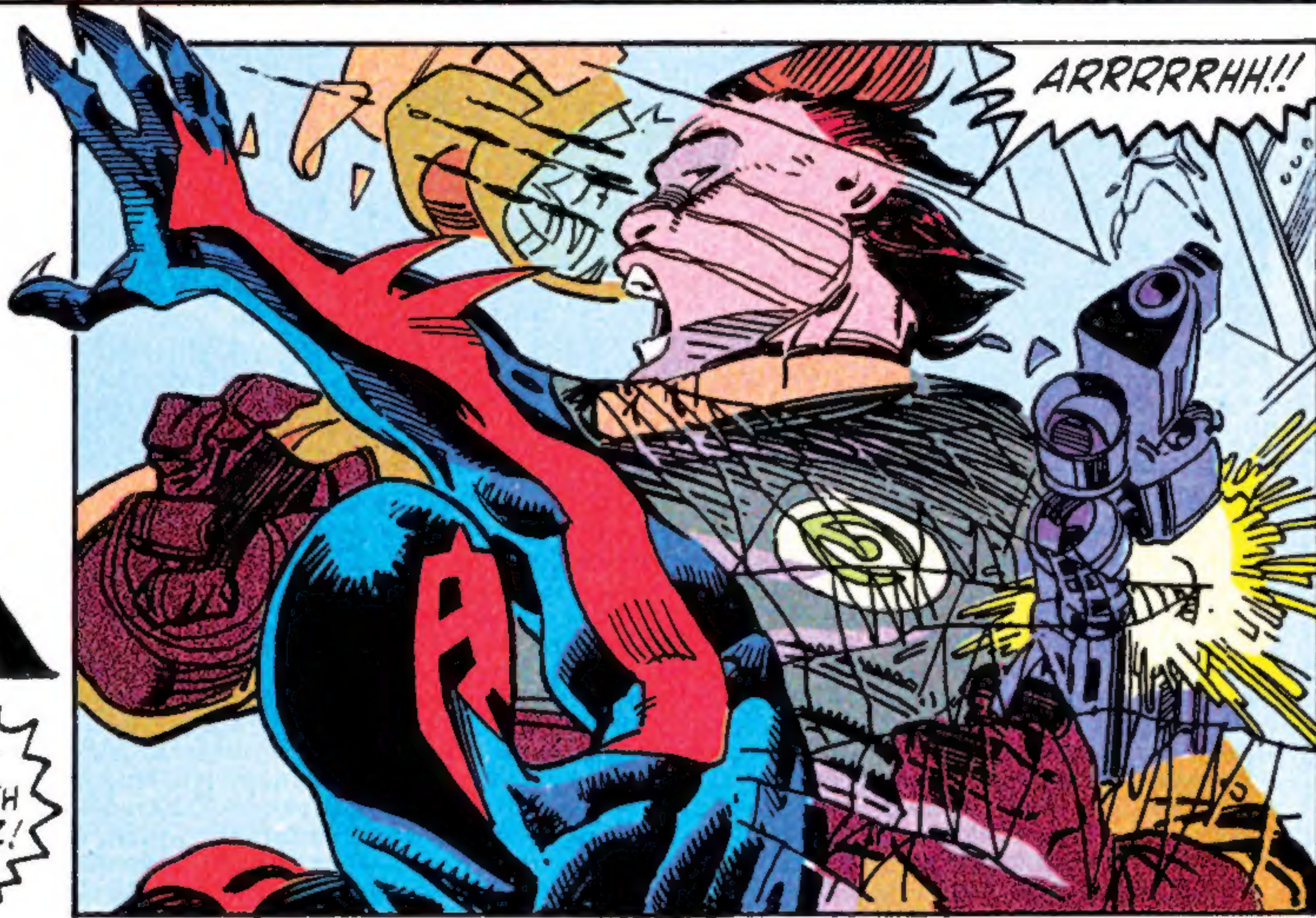
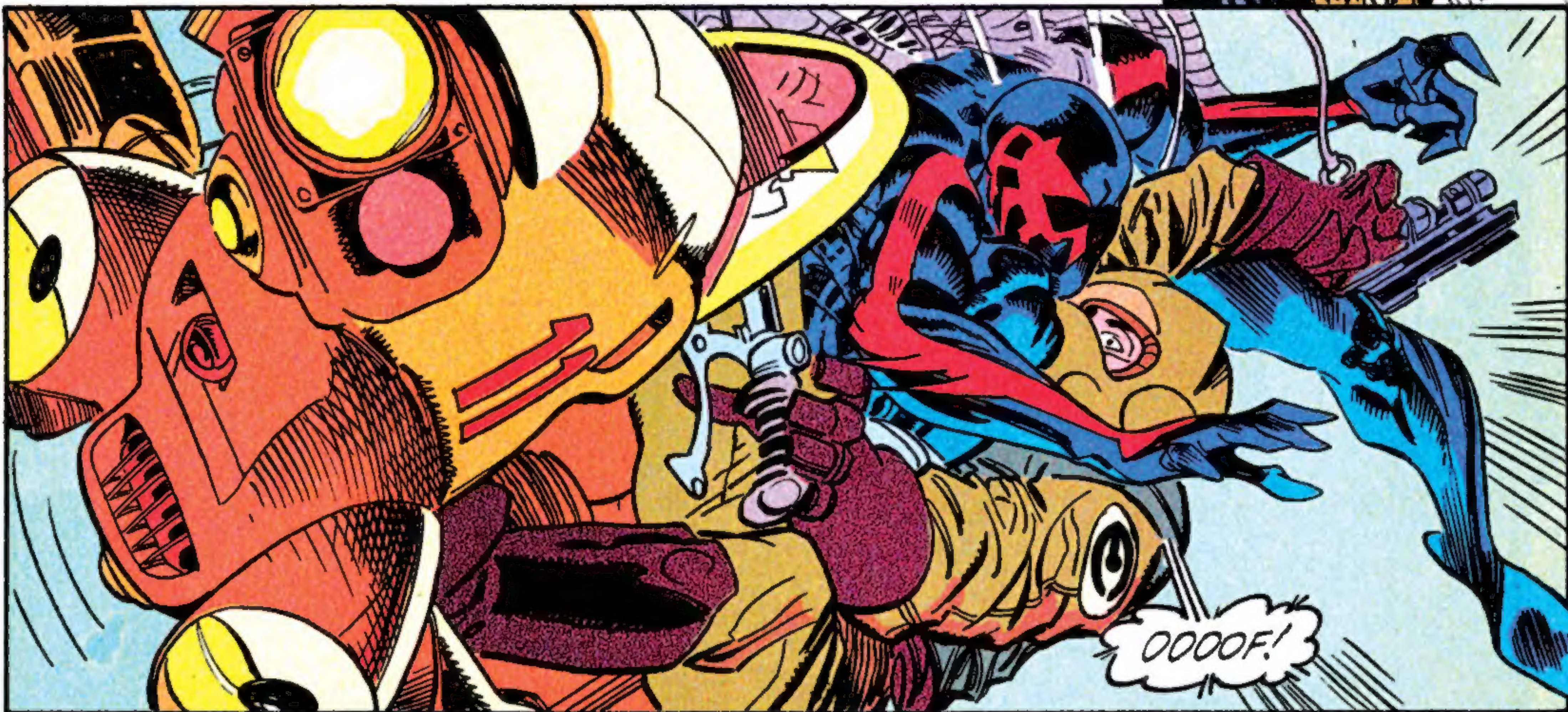
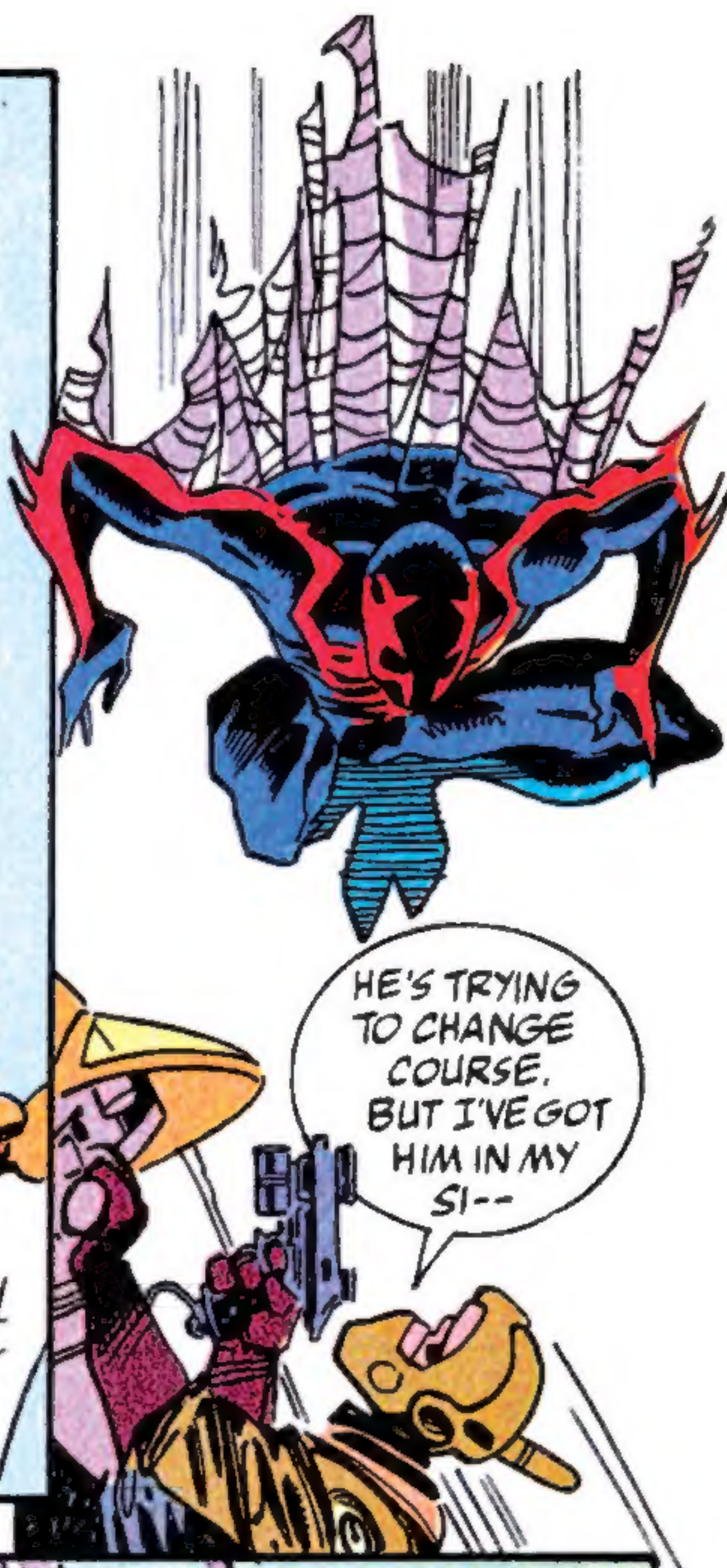
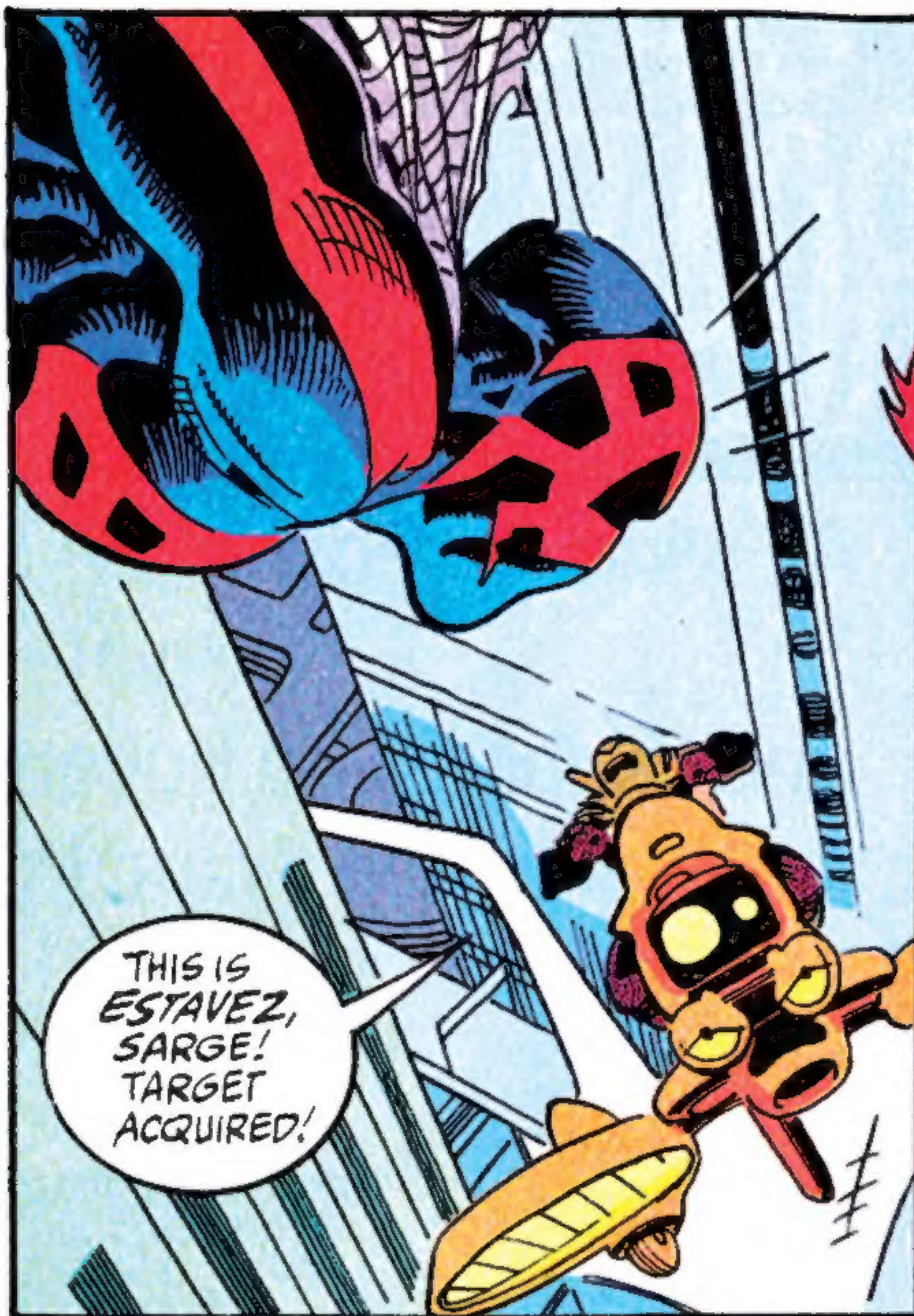
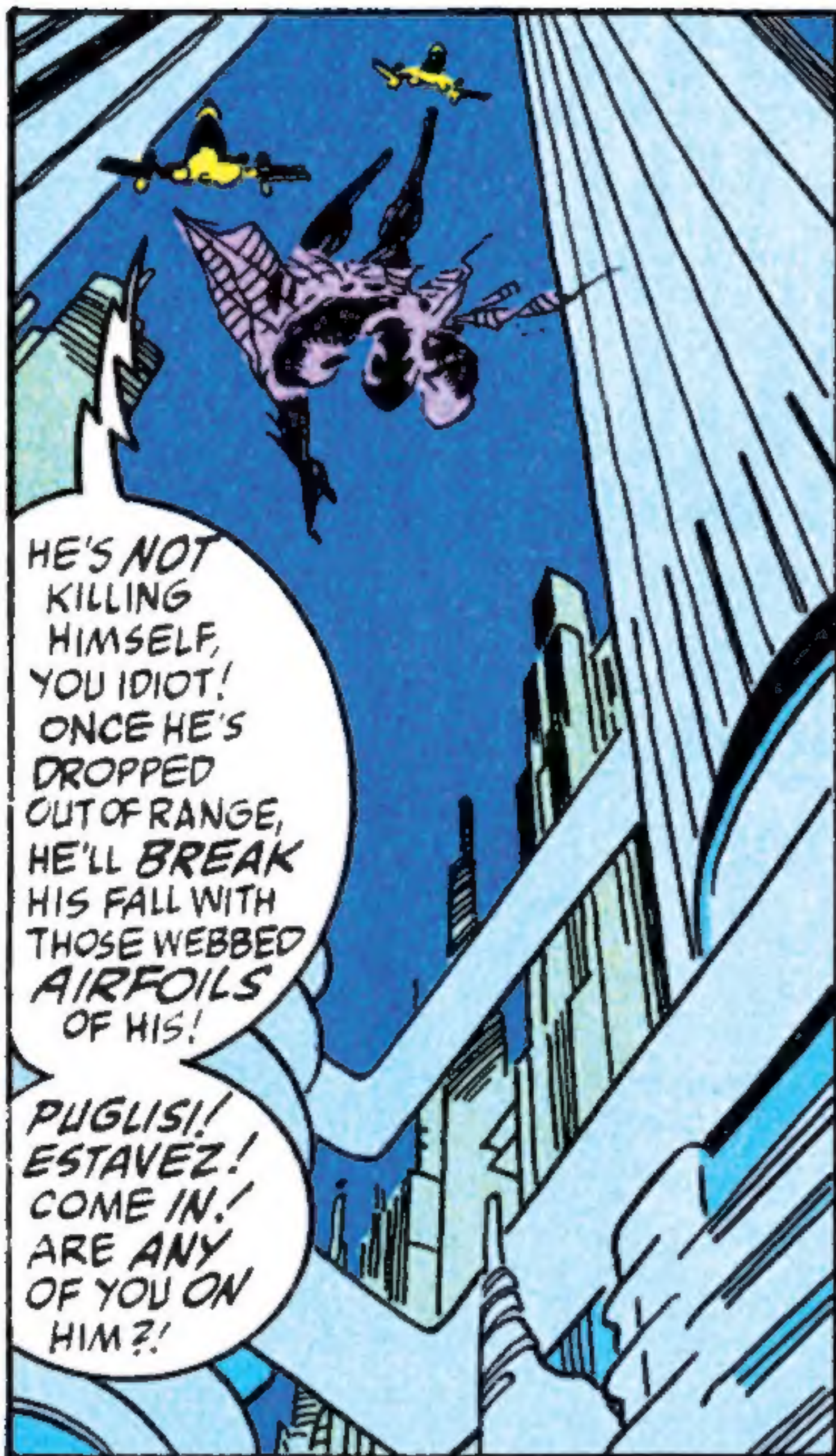
CAN THE JOKES, MALIK. WATCH THE DRAFTS-- THEY'RE REALLY NASTY UPHERE.

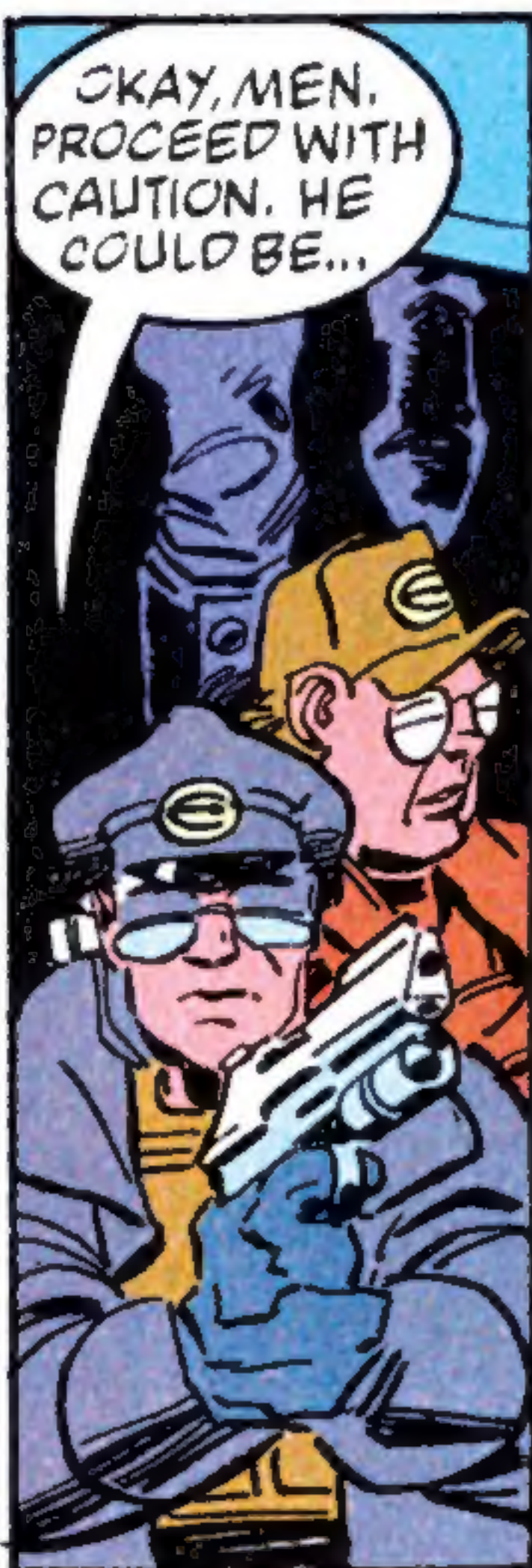
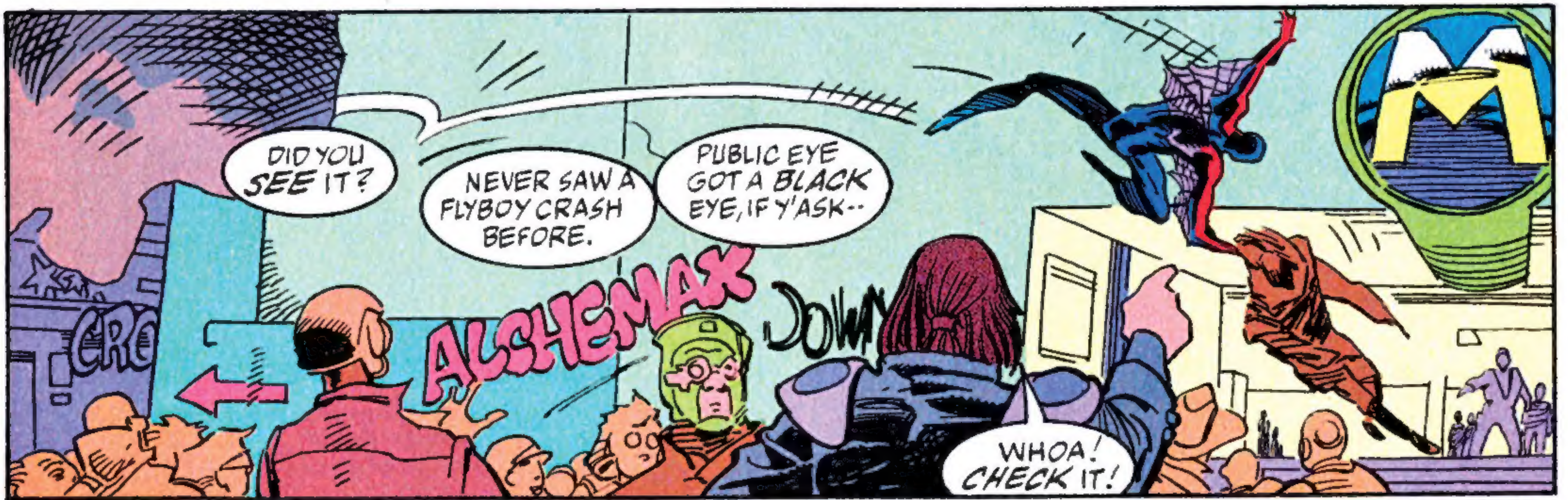
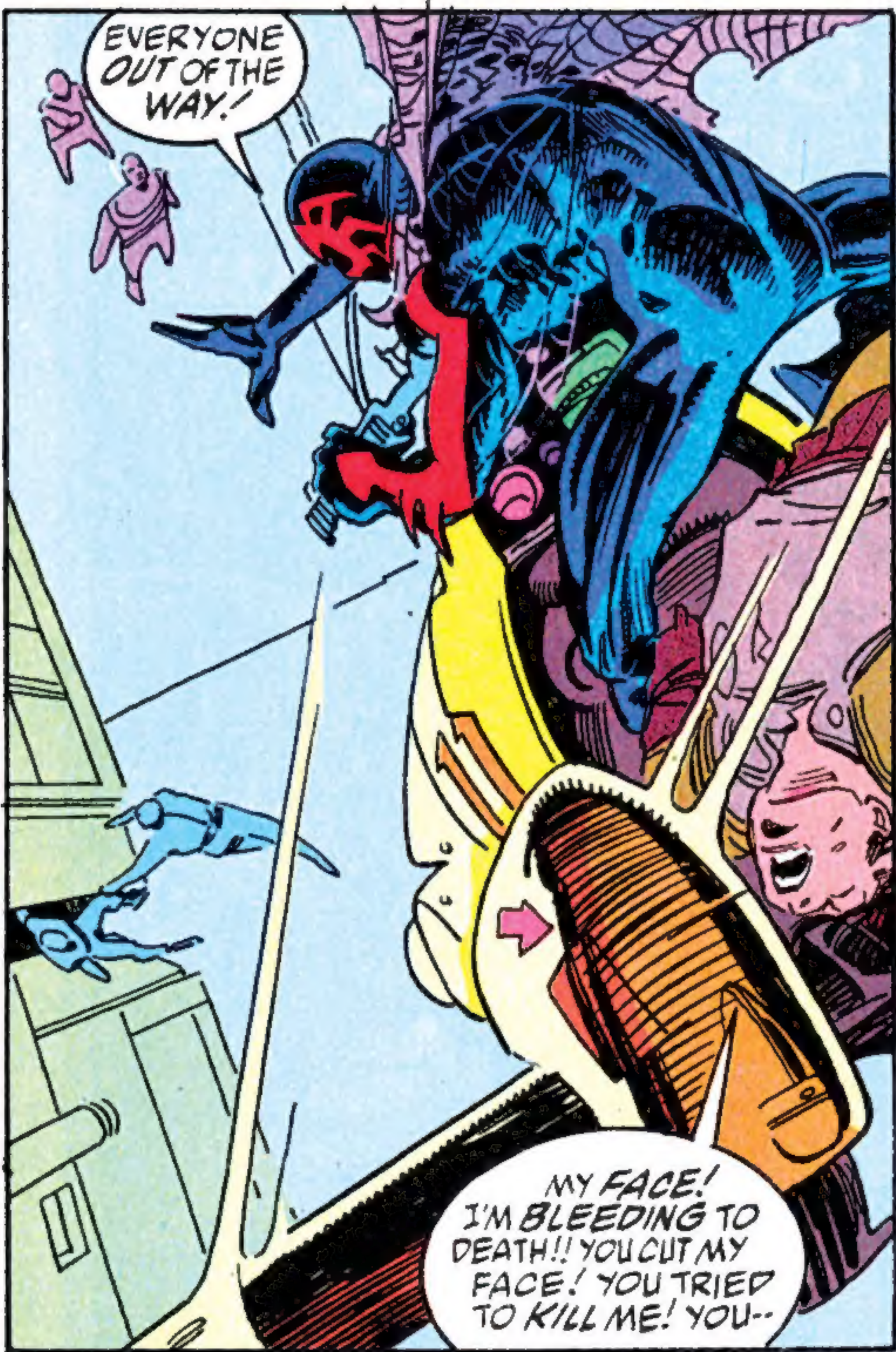
I BET THEY DO, SARGE. AND I WANT ME ALIVE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

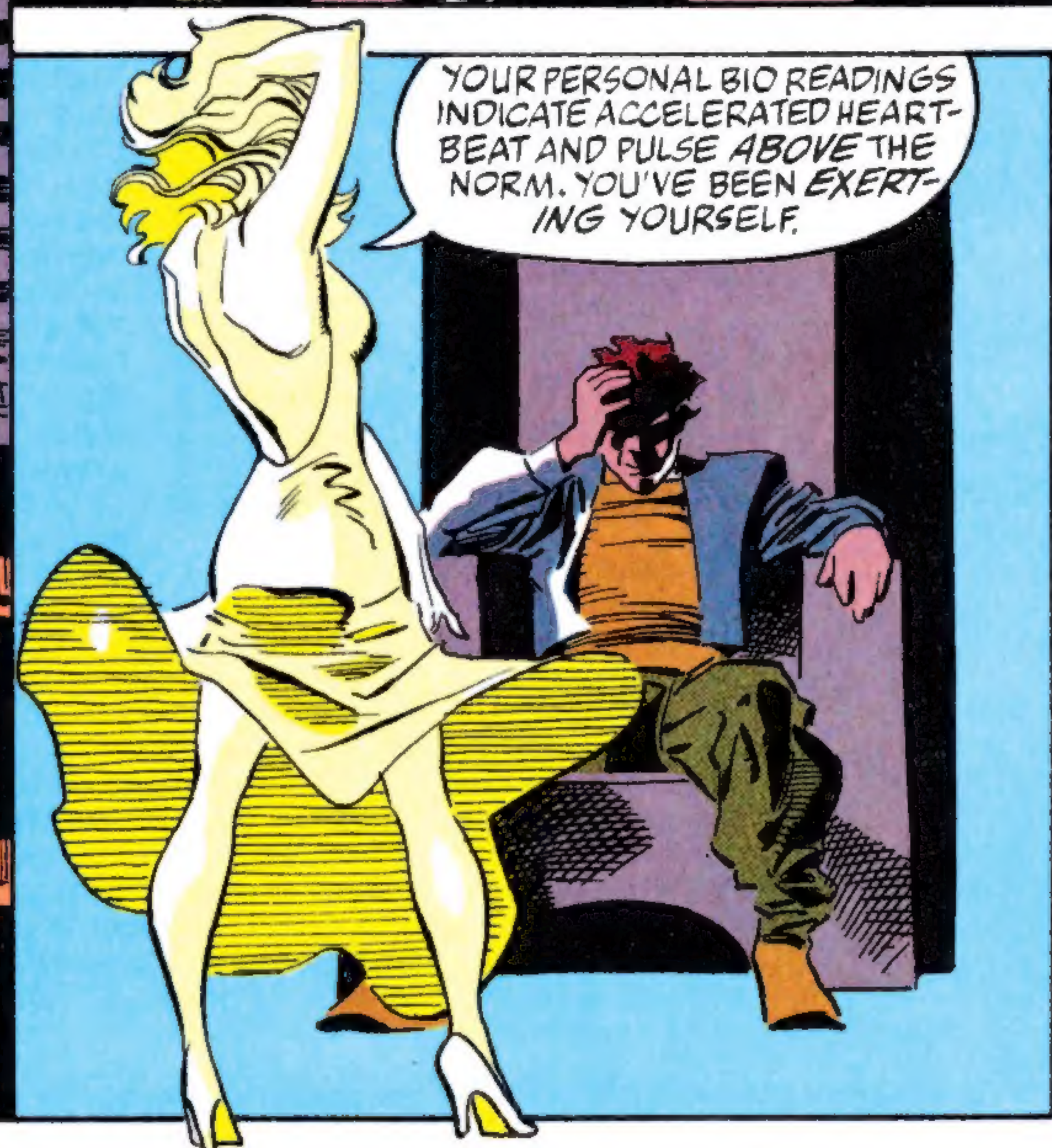
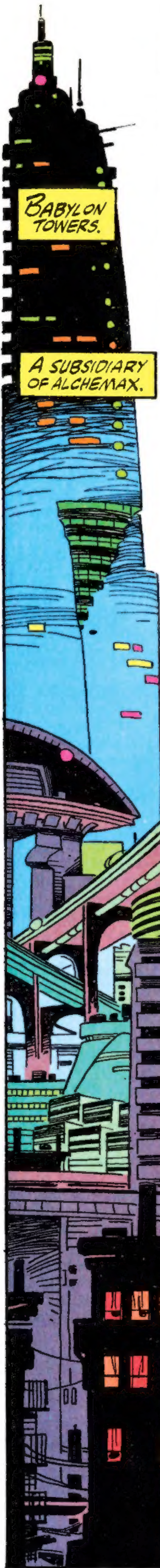
SARGE! ABOVE YOU!

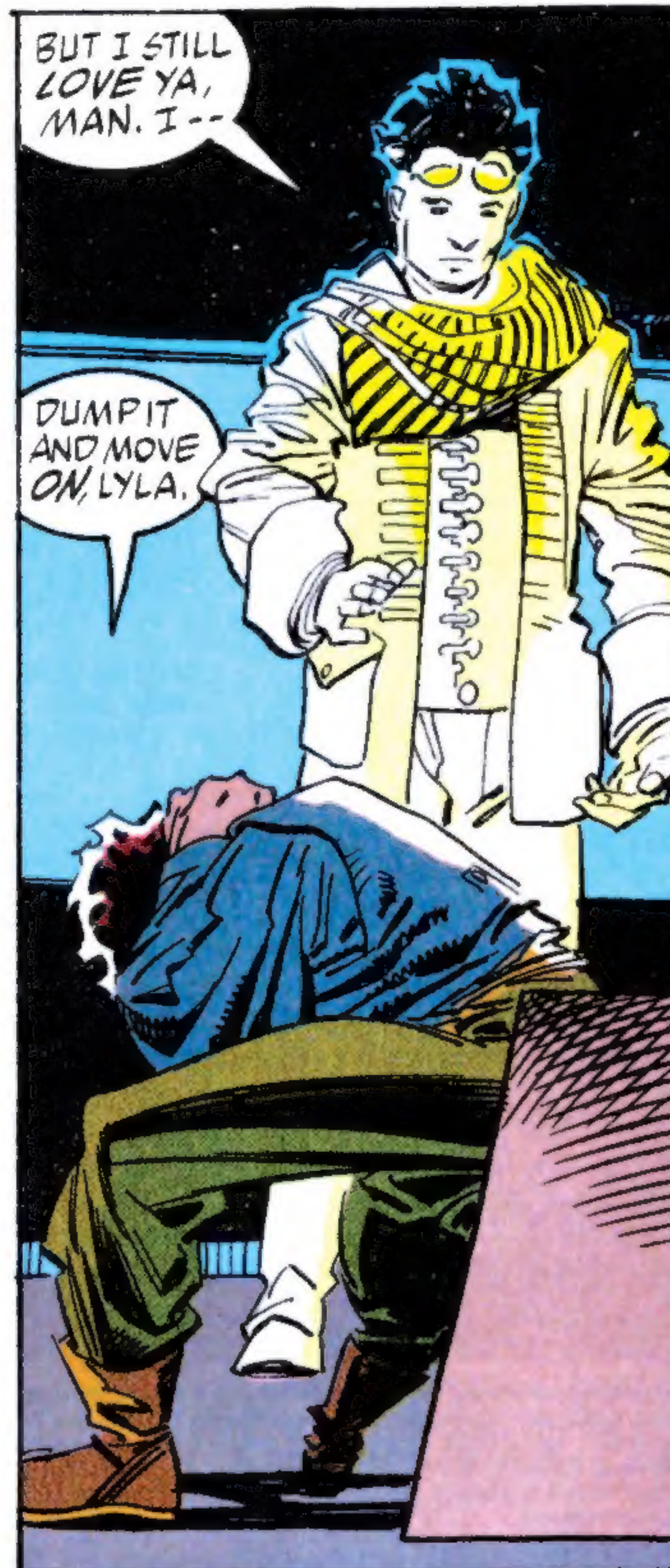
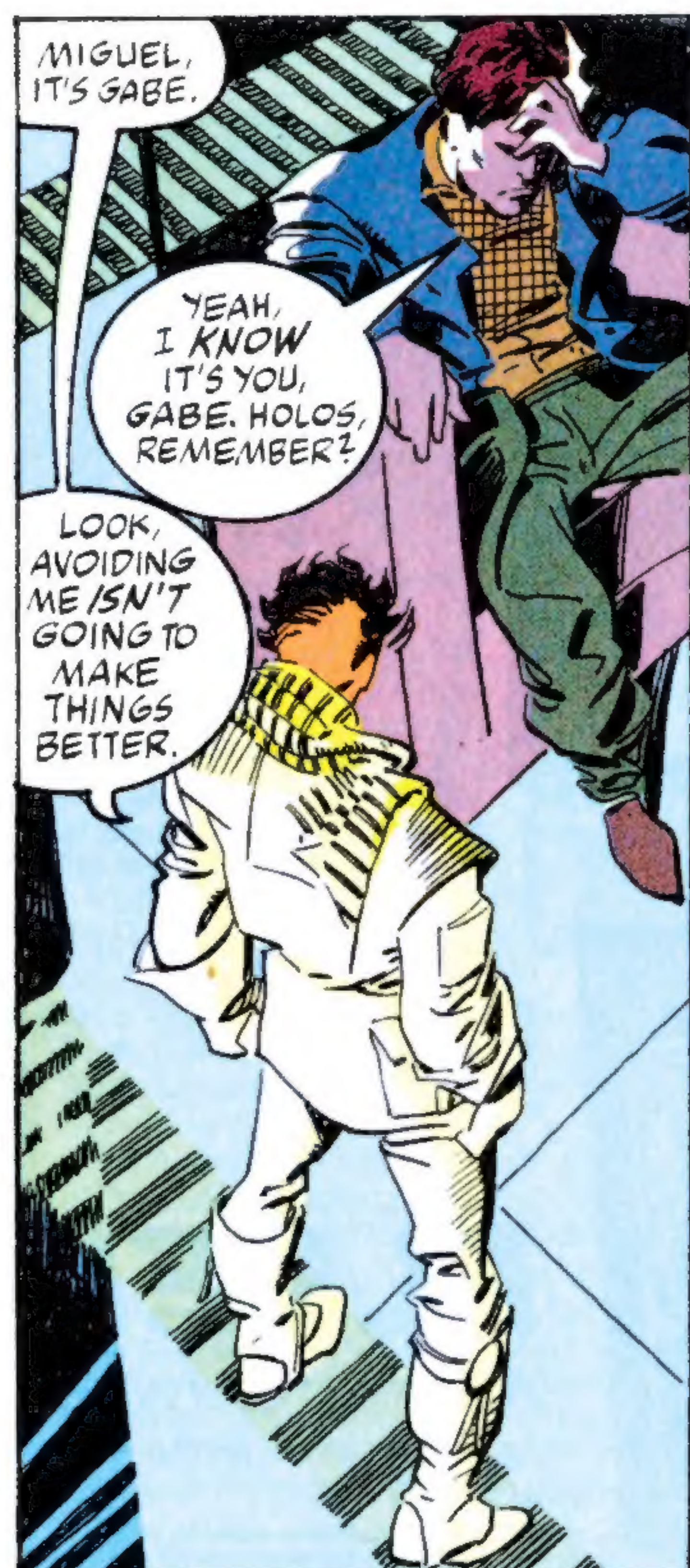
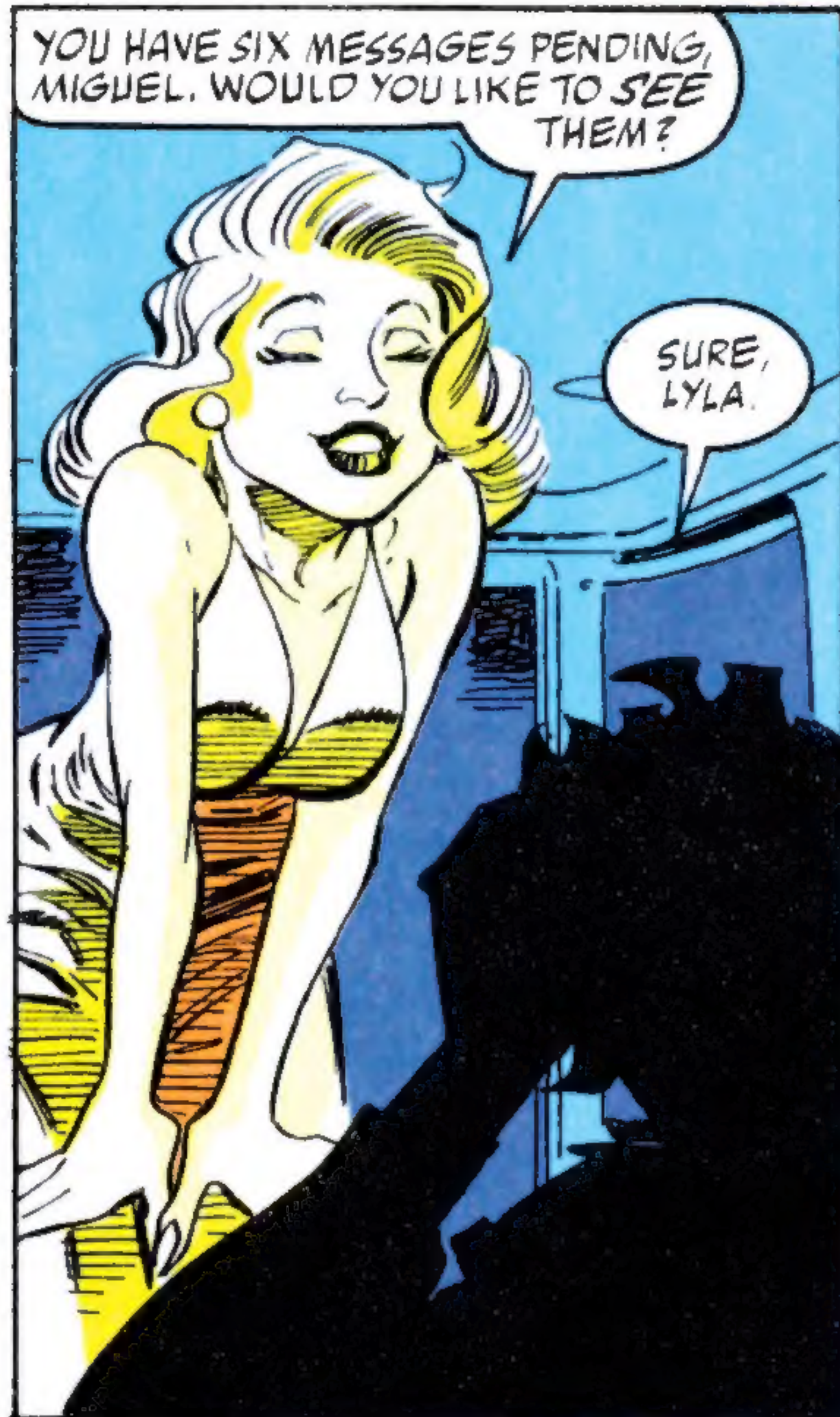
NOW WHERE DID HE GO?

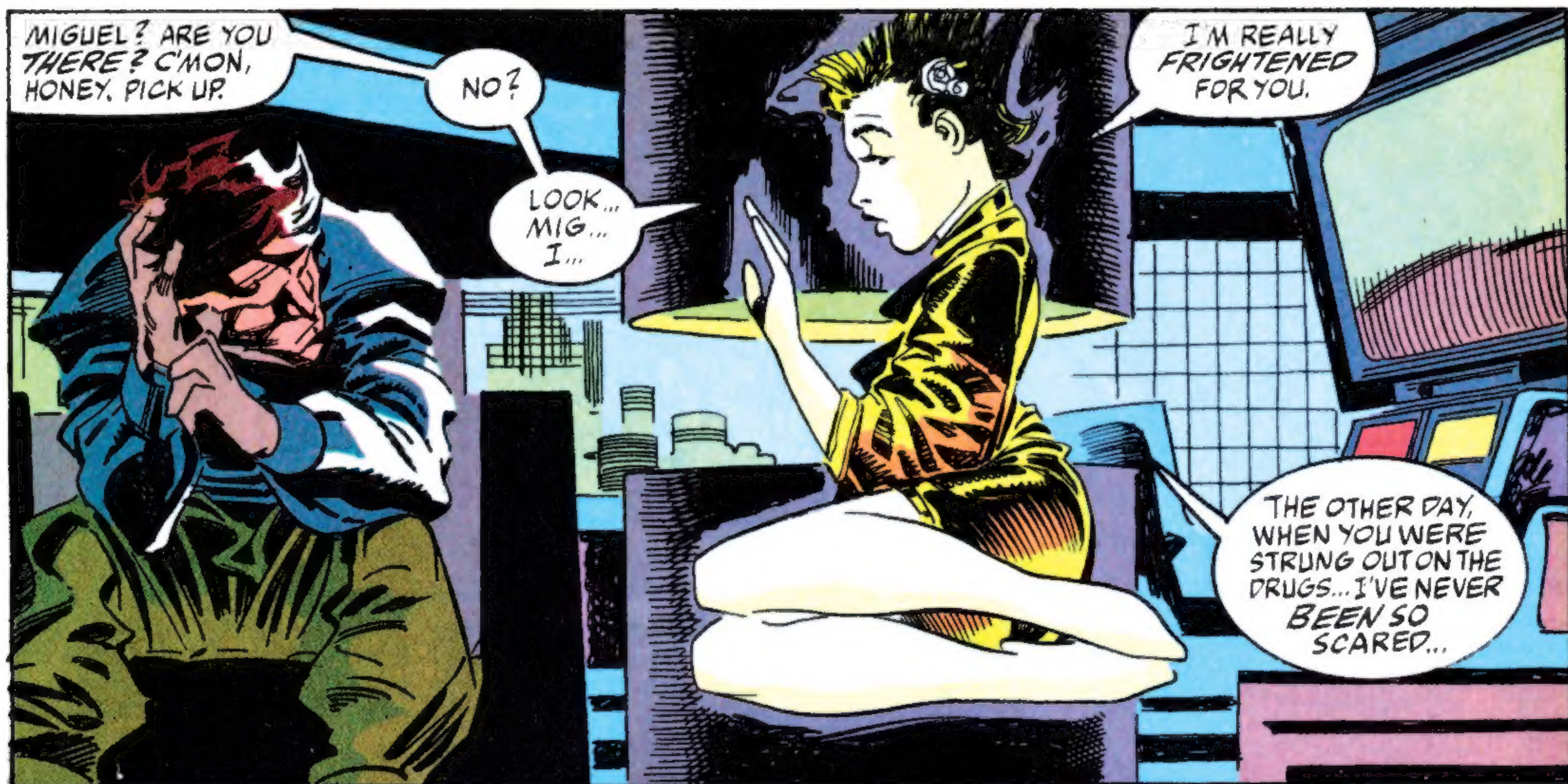


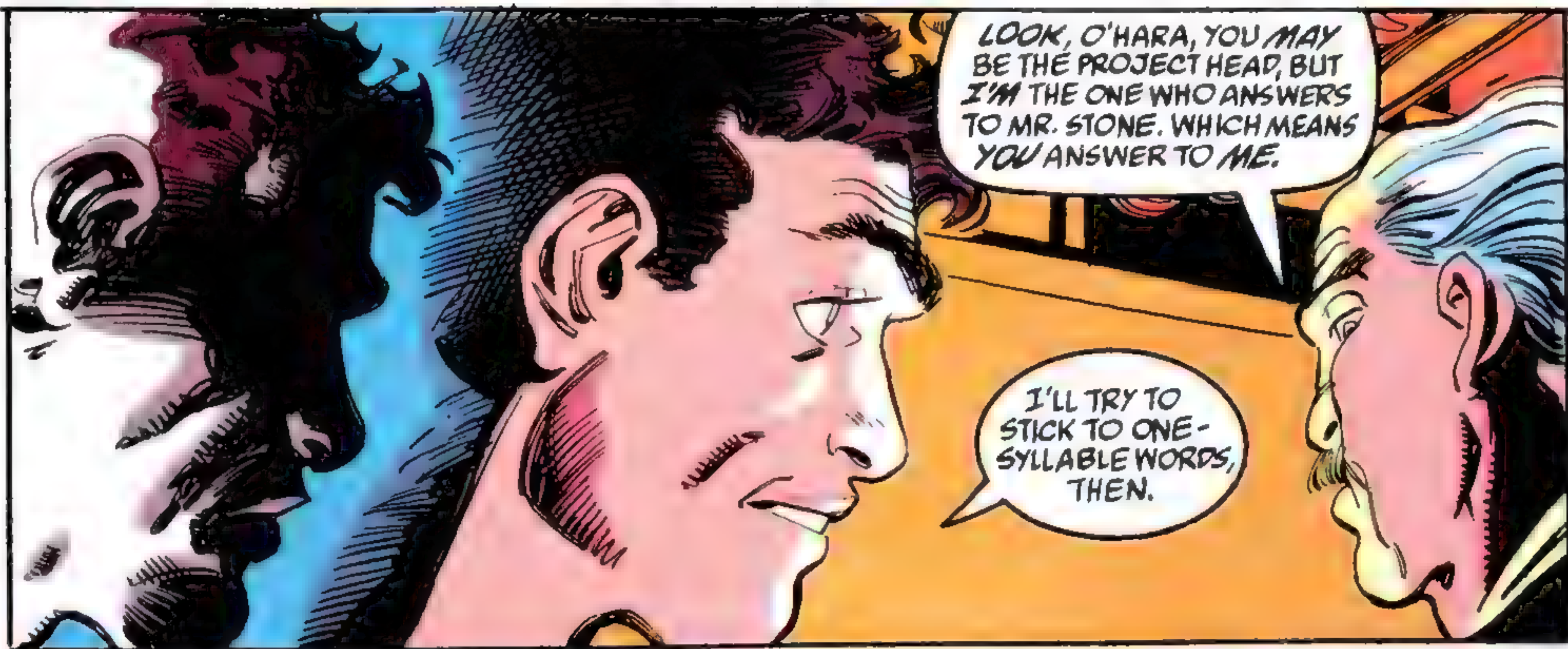






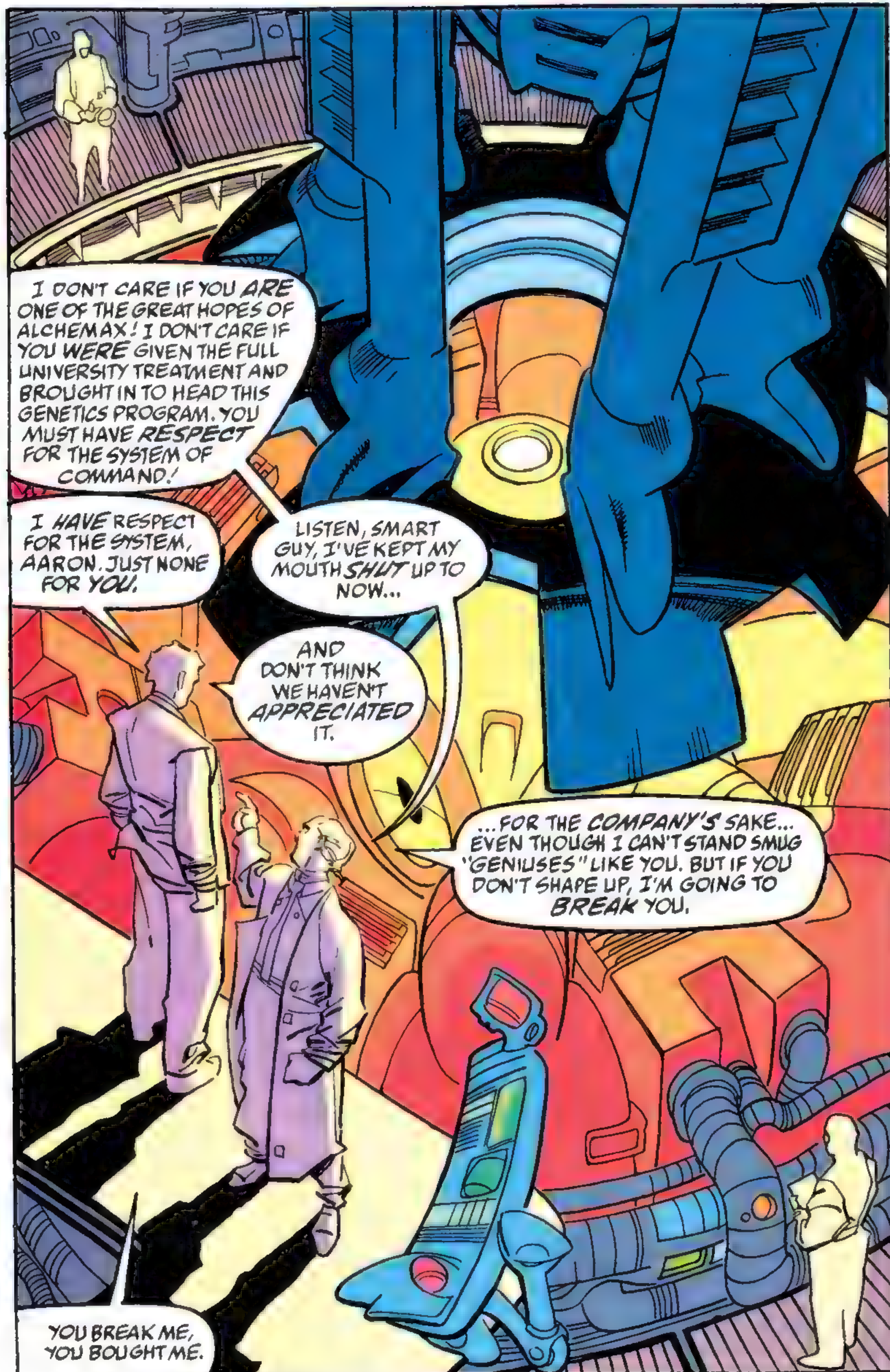






LOOK, O'HARA, YOU MAY BE THE PROJECT HEAD, BUT I'M THE ONE WHO ANSWERS TO MR. STONE. WHICH MEANS YOU ANSWER TO ME.

I'LL TRY TO STICK TO ONE-SYLLABLE WORDS, THEN.



I DON'T CARE IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE GREAT HOPES OF ALCHEMAX! I DON'T CARE IF YOU WERE GIVEN THE FULL UNIVERSITY TREATMENT AND BROUGHT IN TO HEAD THIS GENETICS PROGRAM. YOU MUST HAVE RESPECT FOR THE SYSTEM OF COMMAND!

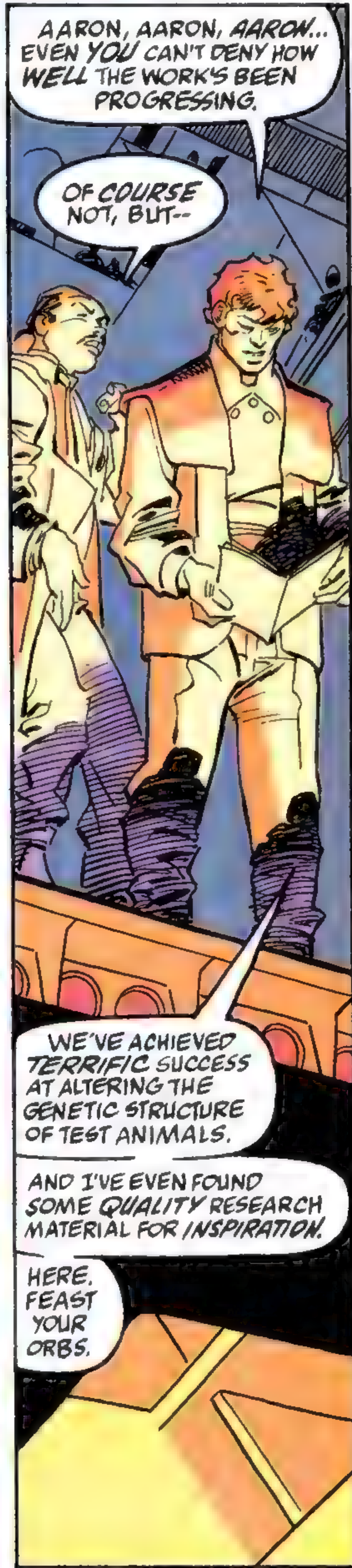
I HAVE RESPECT FOR THE SYSTEM, AARON. JUST NONE FOR YOU.

LISTEN, SMART GUY, I'VE KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT UP TO NOW...

AND DON'T THINK WE HAVEN'T APPRECIATED IT.

...FOR THE COMPANY'S SAKE... EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T STAND SMUG "GENIUSES" LIKE YOU. BUT IF YOU DON'T SHAPE UP, I'M GOING TO BREAK YOU.

YOU BREAK ME, YOU BOUGHT ME.



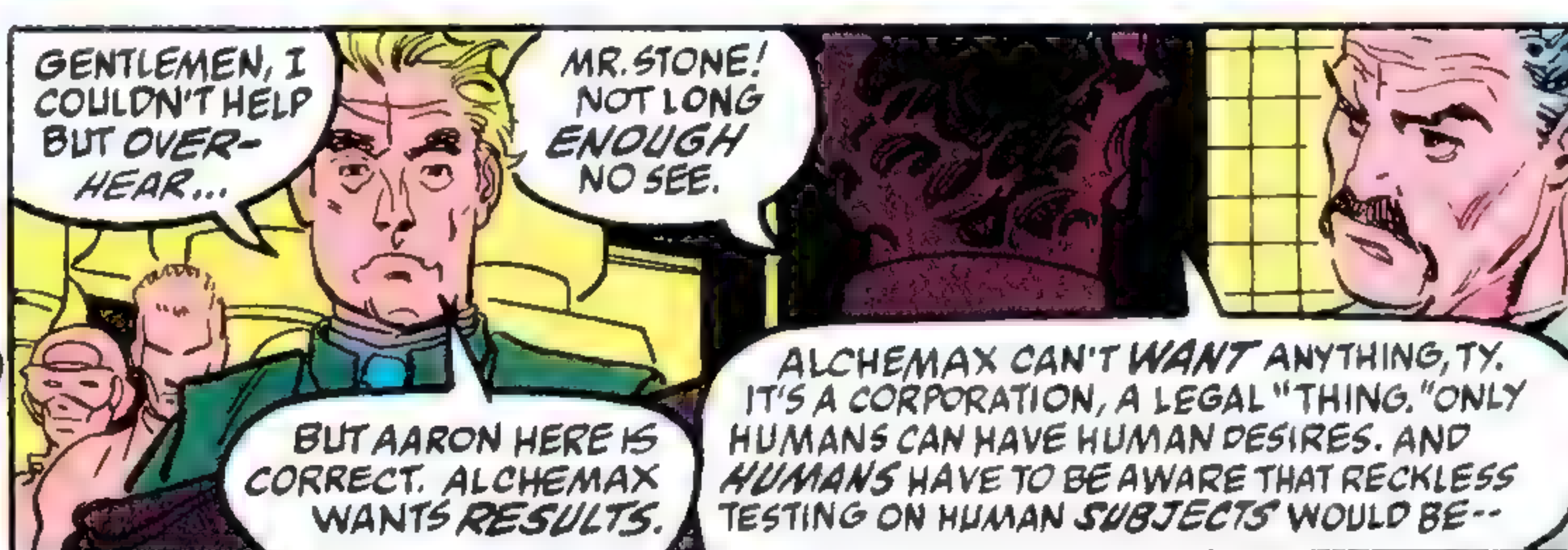
AARON, AARON, AARON... EVEN YOU CAN'T DENY HOW WELL THE WORK'S BEEN PROGRESSING.

OF COURSE NOT, BUT--

WE'VE ACHIEVED TERRIFIC SUCCESS AT ALTERING THE GENETIC STRUCTURE OF TEST ANIMALS.

AND I'VE EVEN FOUND SOME QUALITY RESEARCH MATERIAL FOR INSPIRATION.

HERE. FEAST YOUR ORBS.



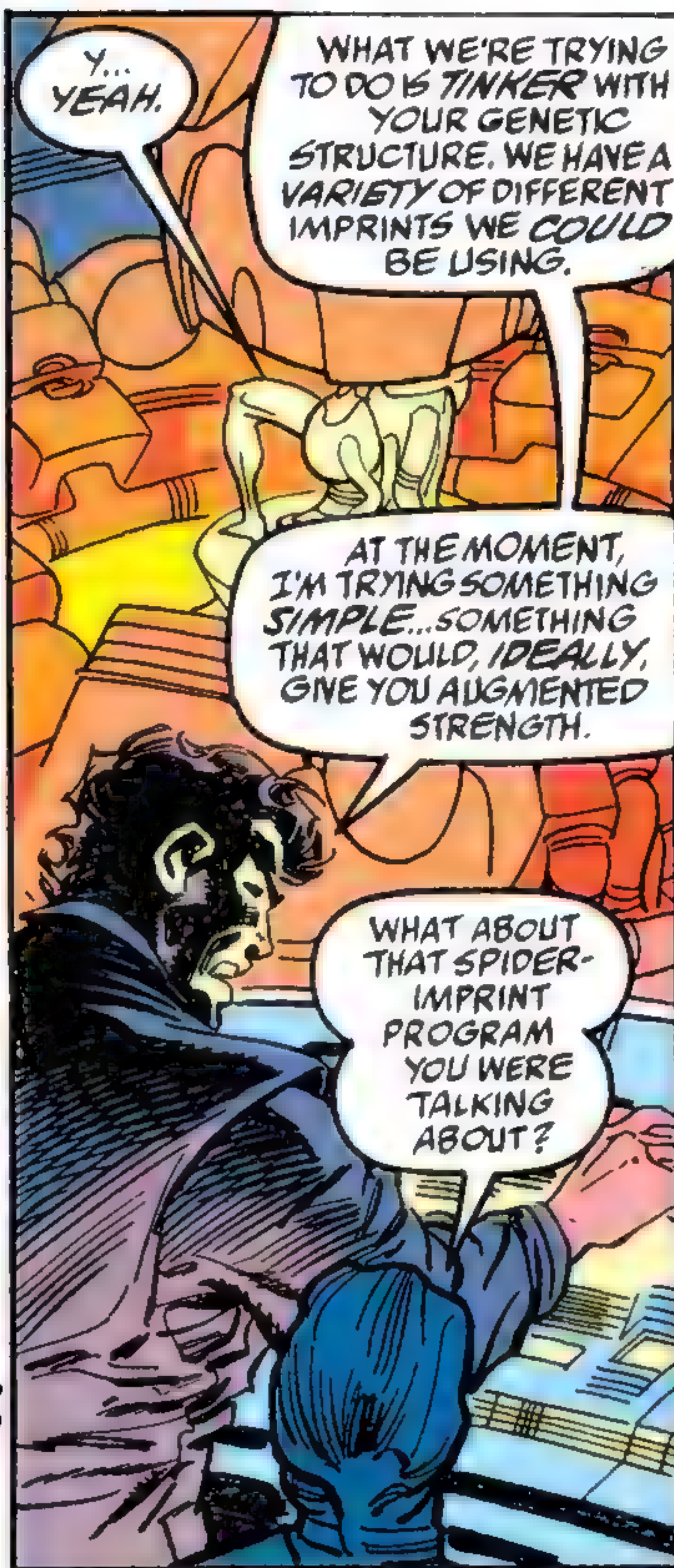


NICE HOW YOU STOOD UP TO MR. STONE, GENIUS-BOY.

IF I WALK, STONE WOULD GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME. THEN SIMS' LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS, AARON. THAT PUTS HIS CHANCES SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ZERO AND NONE.

I'M HIS ONLY SHOT.

MR. SIMS, CAN YOU HEAR ME?



Y... YEAH.

WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS *TINKER* WITH YOUR GENETIC STRUCTURE. WE HAVE A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT IMPRINTS WE COULD BE USING.

AT THE MOMENT, I'M TRYING SOMETHING *SIMPLE*... SOMETHING THAT WOULD, IDEALLY, GIVE YOU AUGMENTED STRENGTH.

WHAT ABOUT THAT SPIDER-IMPRINT PROGRAM YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?

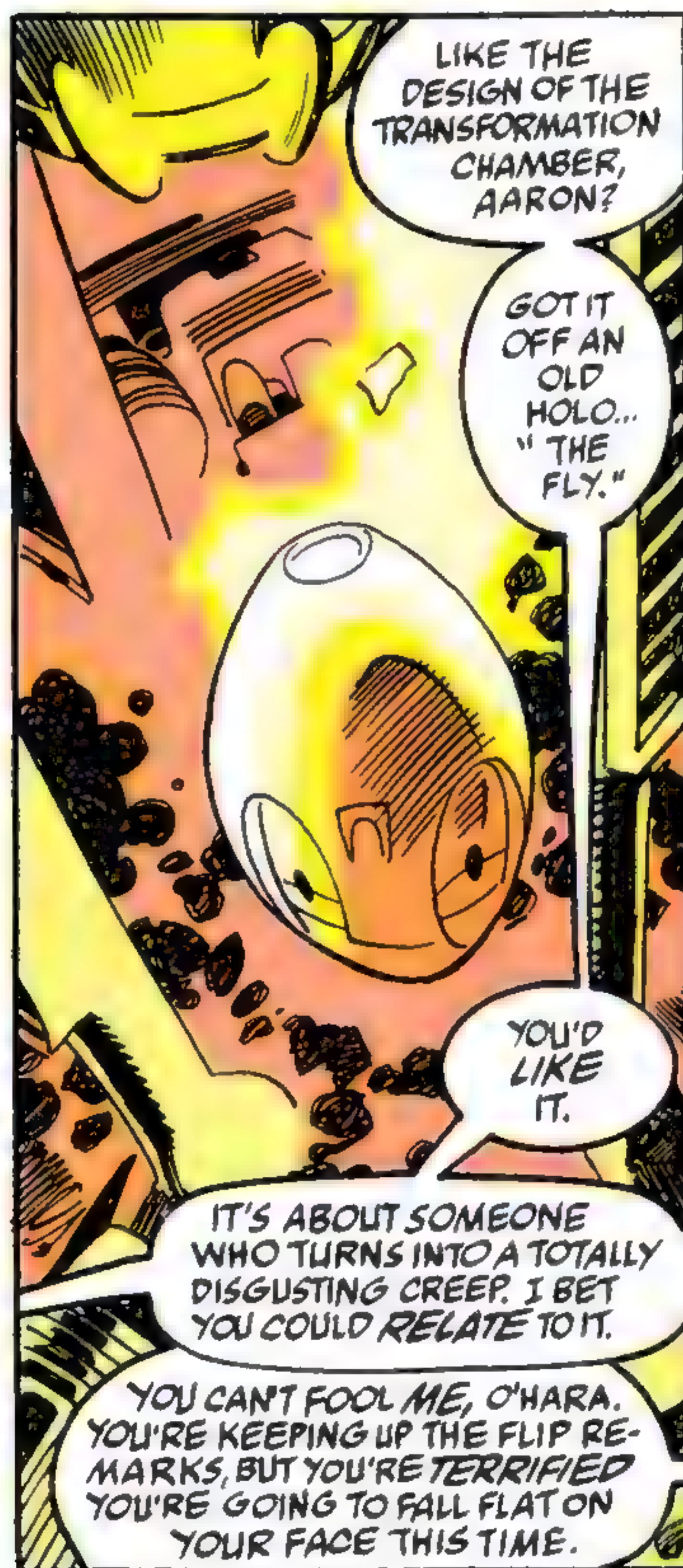


ONE STEP AT A TIME, AARON. I DON'T WANT TO TRY AND TOTALLY RE-WRITE THE MAN'S GENETIC MAKE-UP.

WE COULD END UP WITH A HIDEOUS, MUTATED FREAK.

OR EVEN WORSE... YOU.

ALL RIGHT, GENTLEMEN. LET'S BRING IT TO FULL POWER.



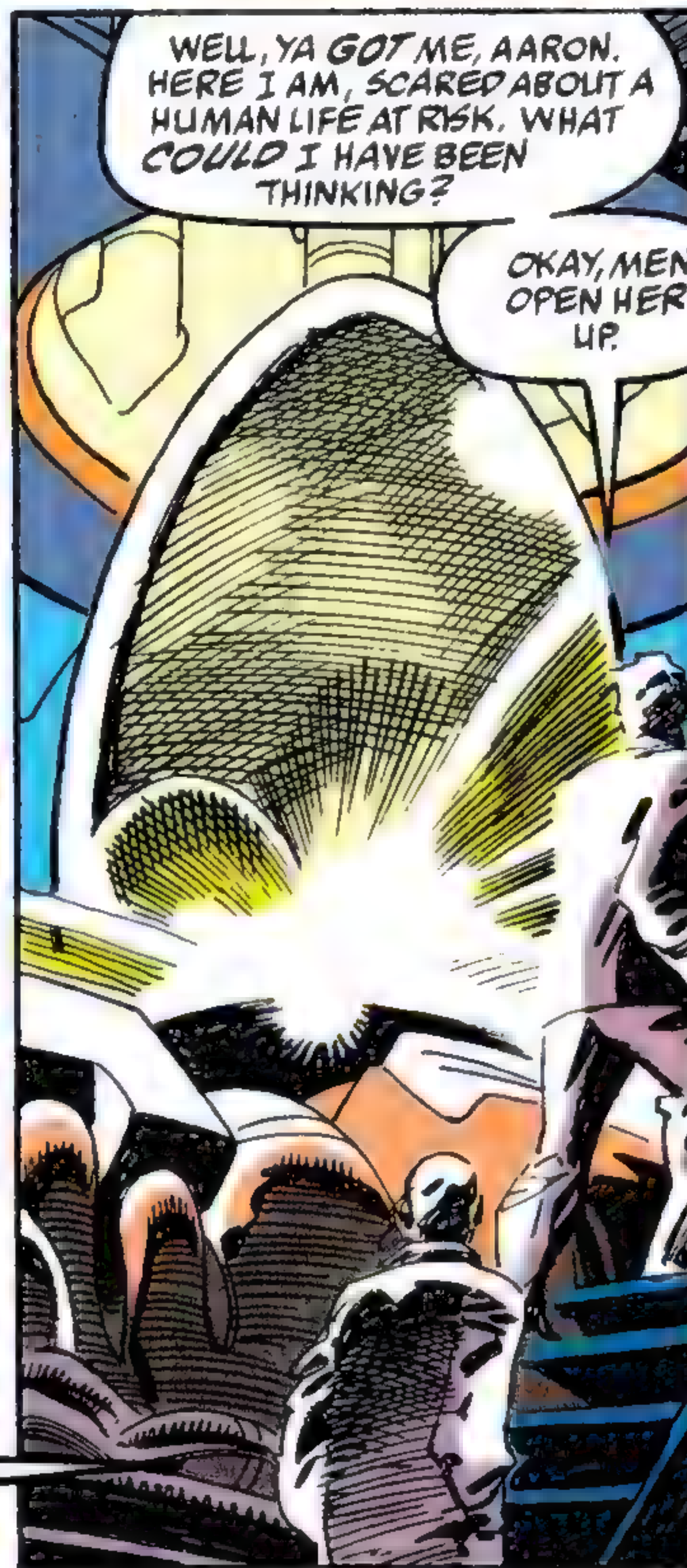
LIKE THE DESIGN OF THE TRANSFORMATION CHAMBER, AARON?

GOT IT OFF AN OLD HOLO... "THE FLY."

YOU'D LIKE IT.

IT'S ABOUT SOMEONE WHO TURNS INTO A TOTALLY DISGUSTING CREEP. I BET YOU COULD RELATE TO IT.

YOU CAN'T FOOL ME, O'HARA. YOU'RE KEEPING UP THE FLIP REMARKS, BUT YOU'RE TERRIFIED YOU'RE GOING TO FALL FLAT ON YOUR FACE THIS TIME.



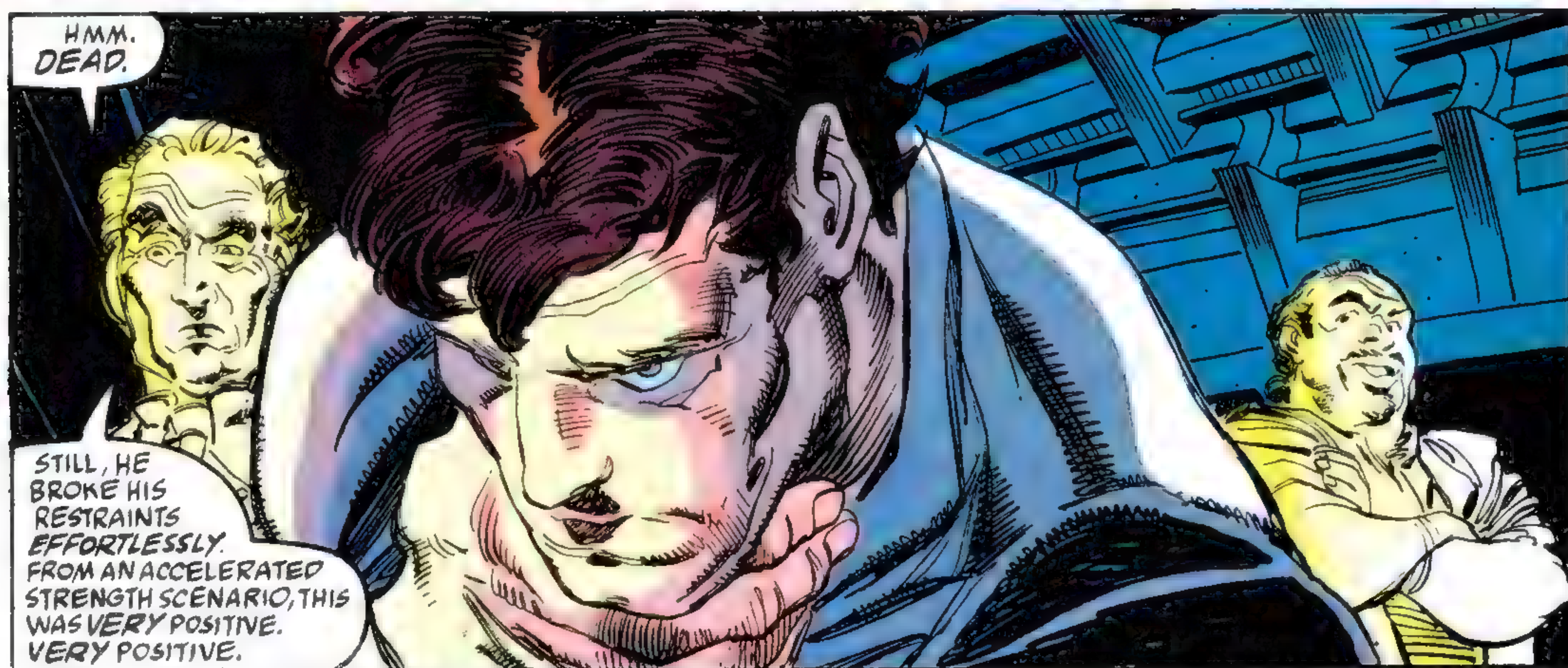
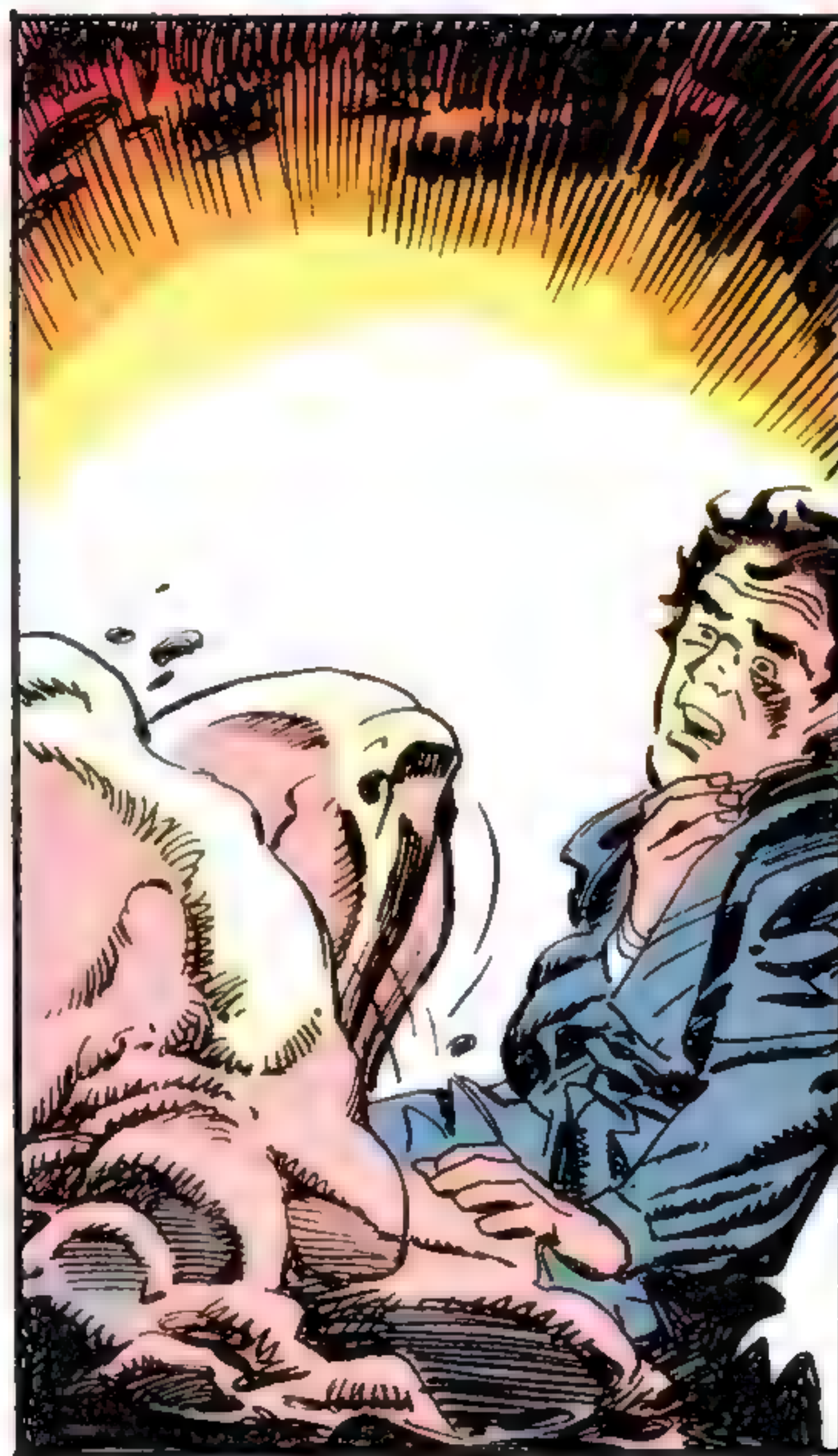
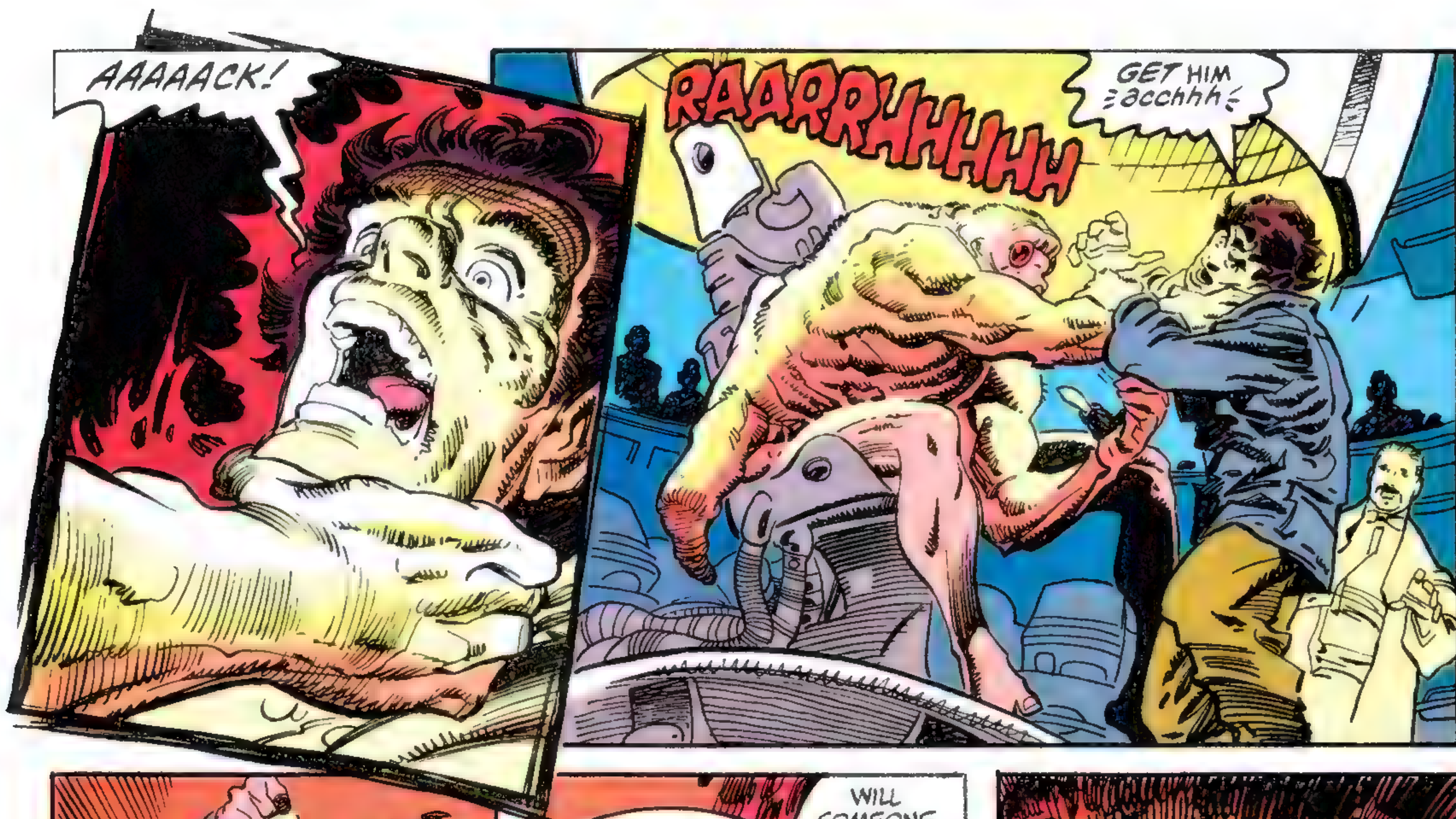
WELL, YA GOT ME, AARON. HERE I AM, SCARED ABOUT A HUMAN LIFE AT RISK. WHAT COULD I HAVE BEEN THINKING?

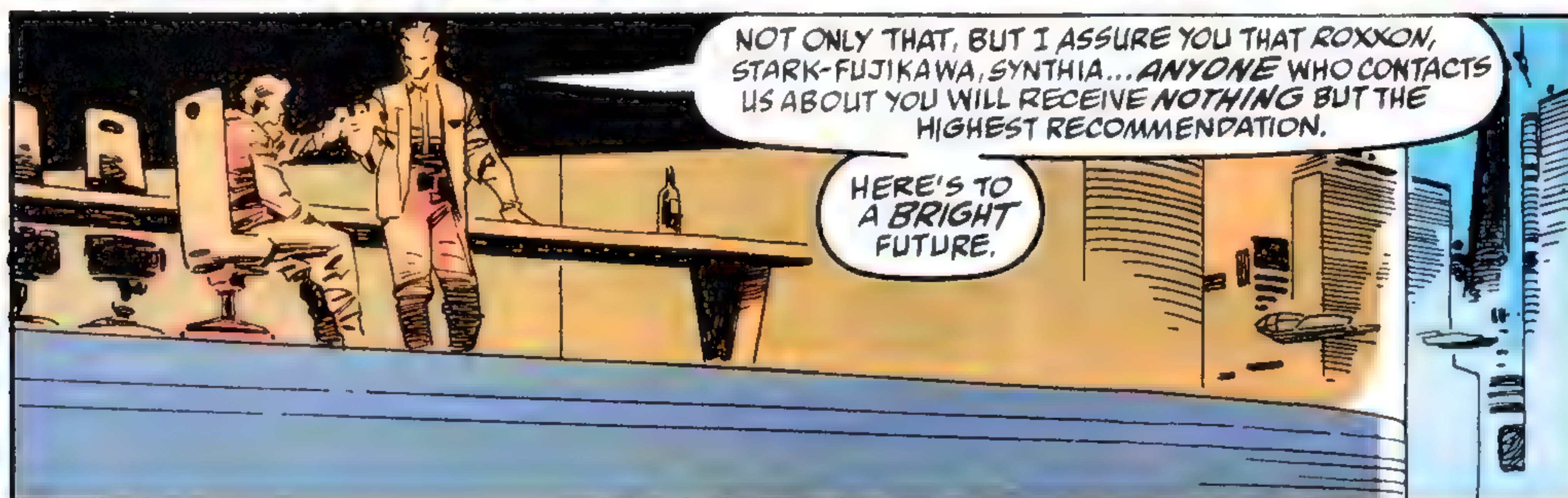
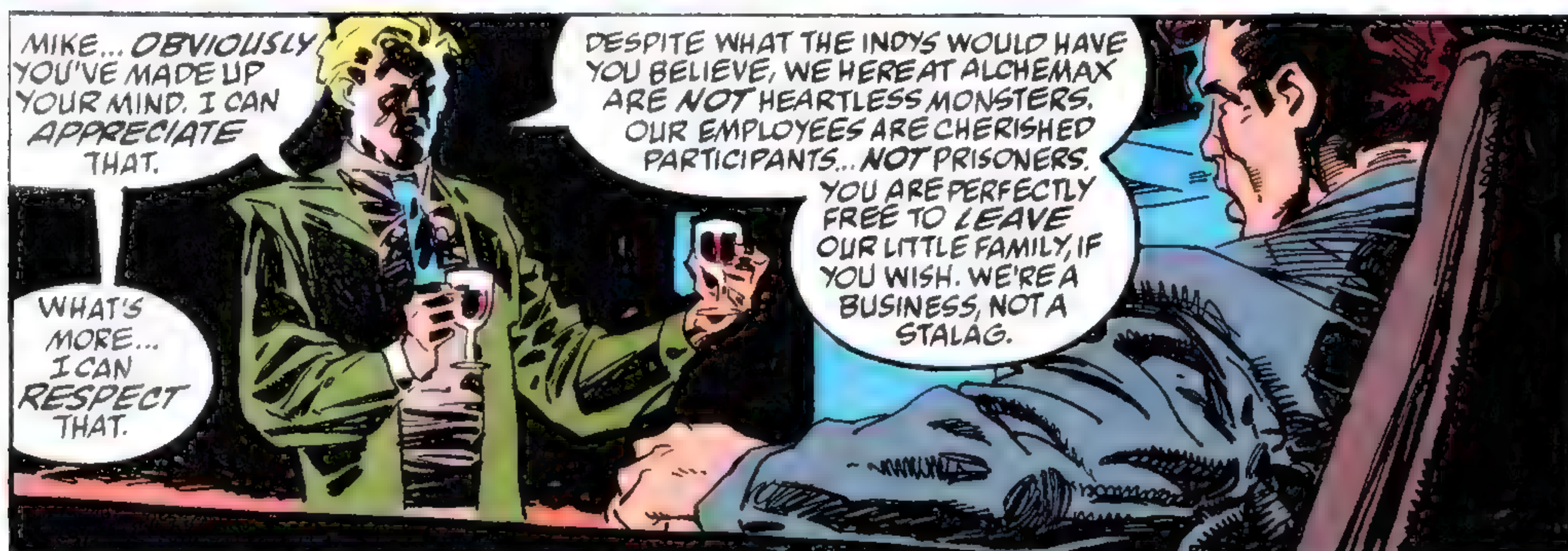
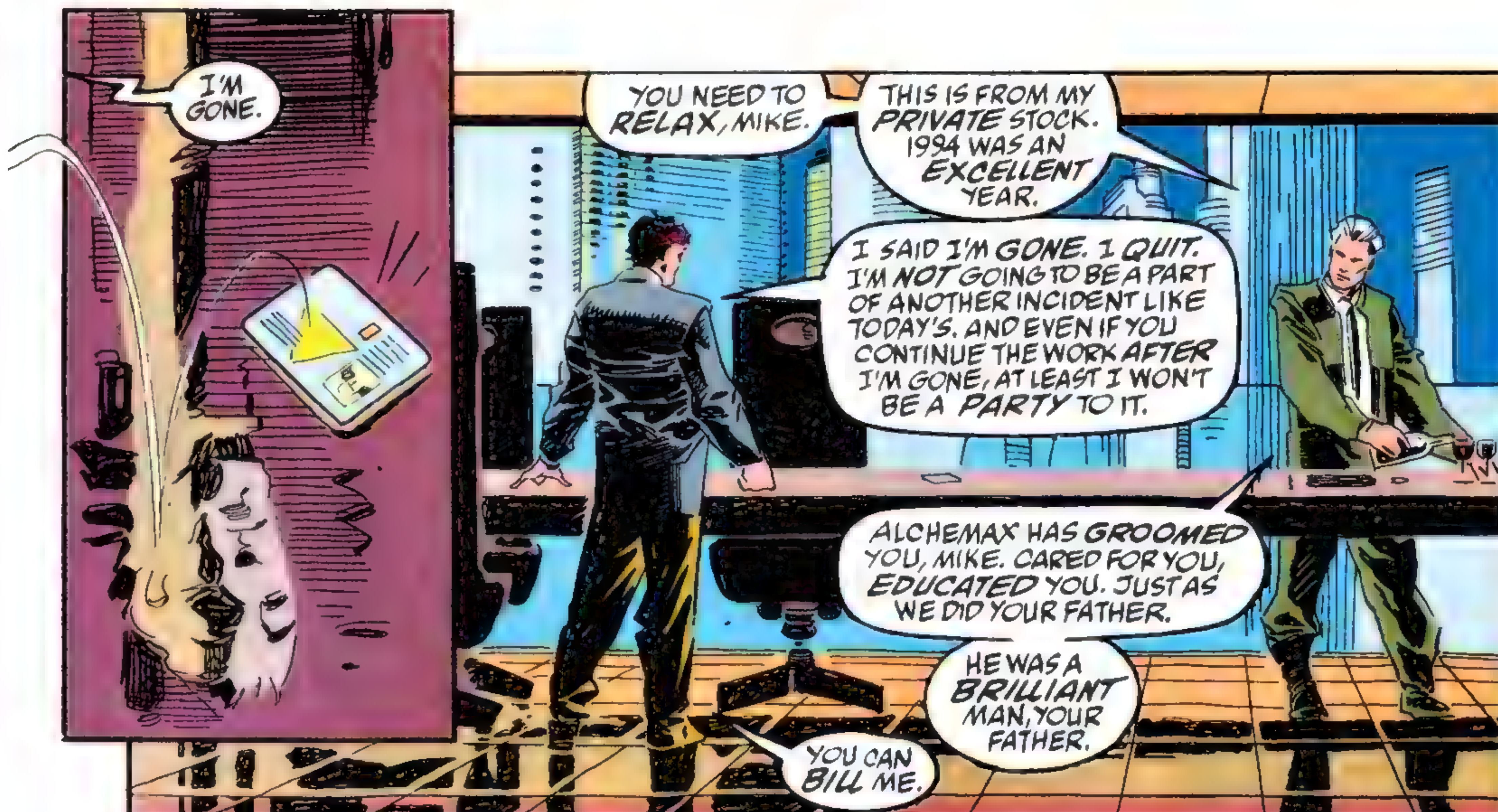
OKAY, MEN. OPEN HER UP.



MR. SIMS? STILL WITH US?

NOW YOU'LL PROBABLY FEEL A FAIRLY SHARP TINGLING. THAT SHOULD PASS IN A COUPLE OF--







TY, DID WE JUST HAVE SYNAPTIC MELTDOWN IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES?

I'M LEAVING, REMEMBER? VAPOR, POOF, AND Y'KNOW, NOW THAT I'VE MADE THE DECISION...

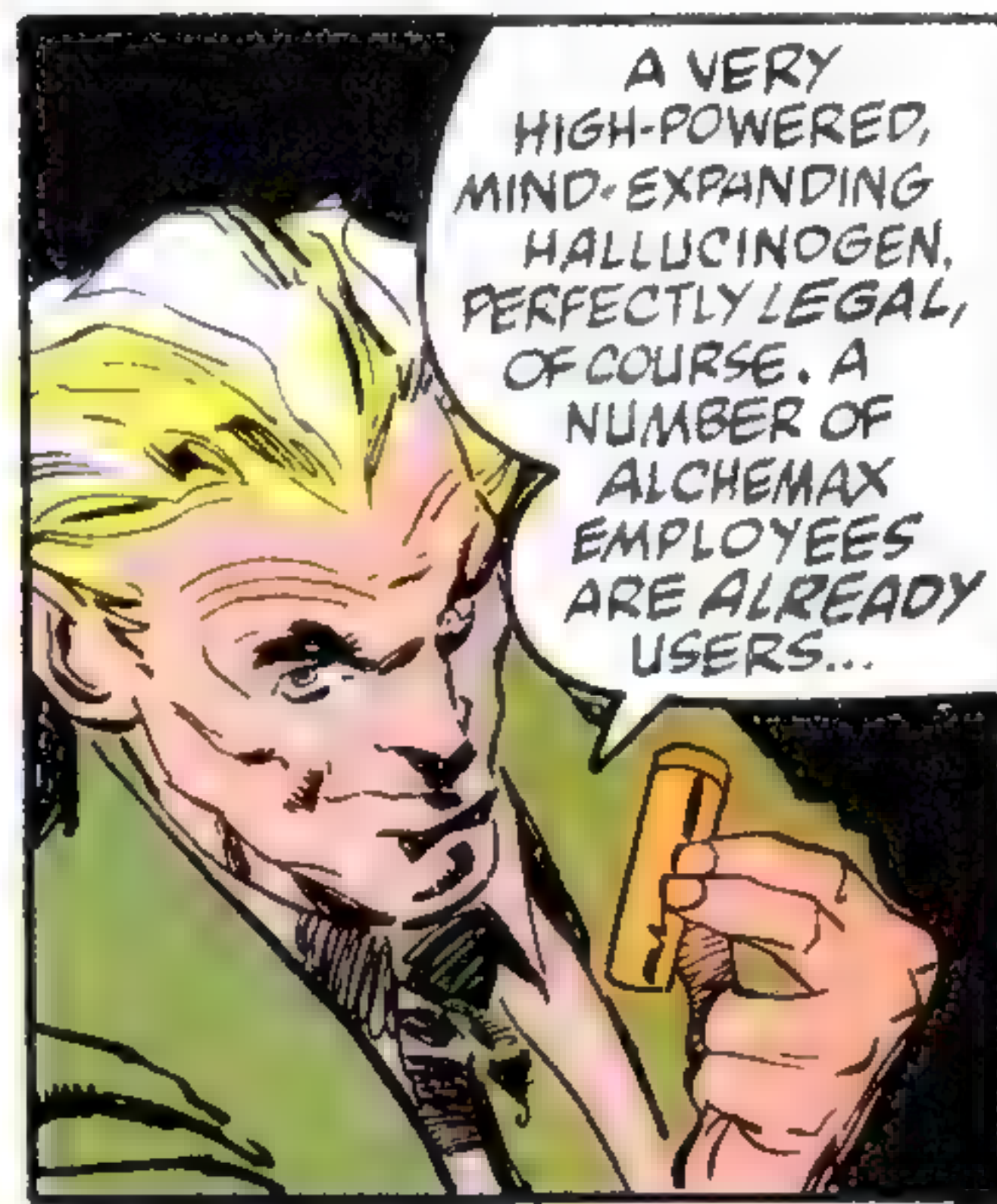
I FEEL MORE RELAXED THAN EVER.

YES, THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE BECAUSE OF MY PARTING GIFT, THE RAPTURE.

WH-WHAT?



THE RAPTURE, IN THE WINE YOU JUST DRANK. I'M SURE YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH IT.

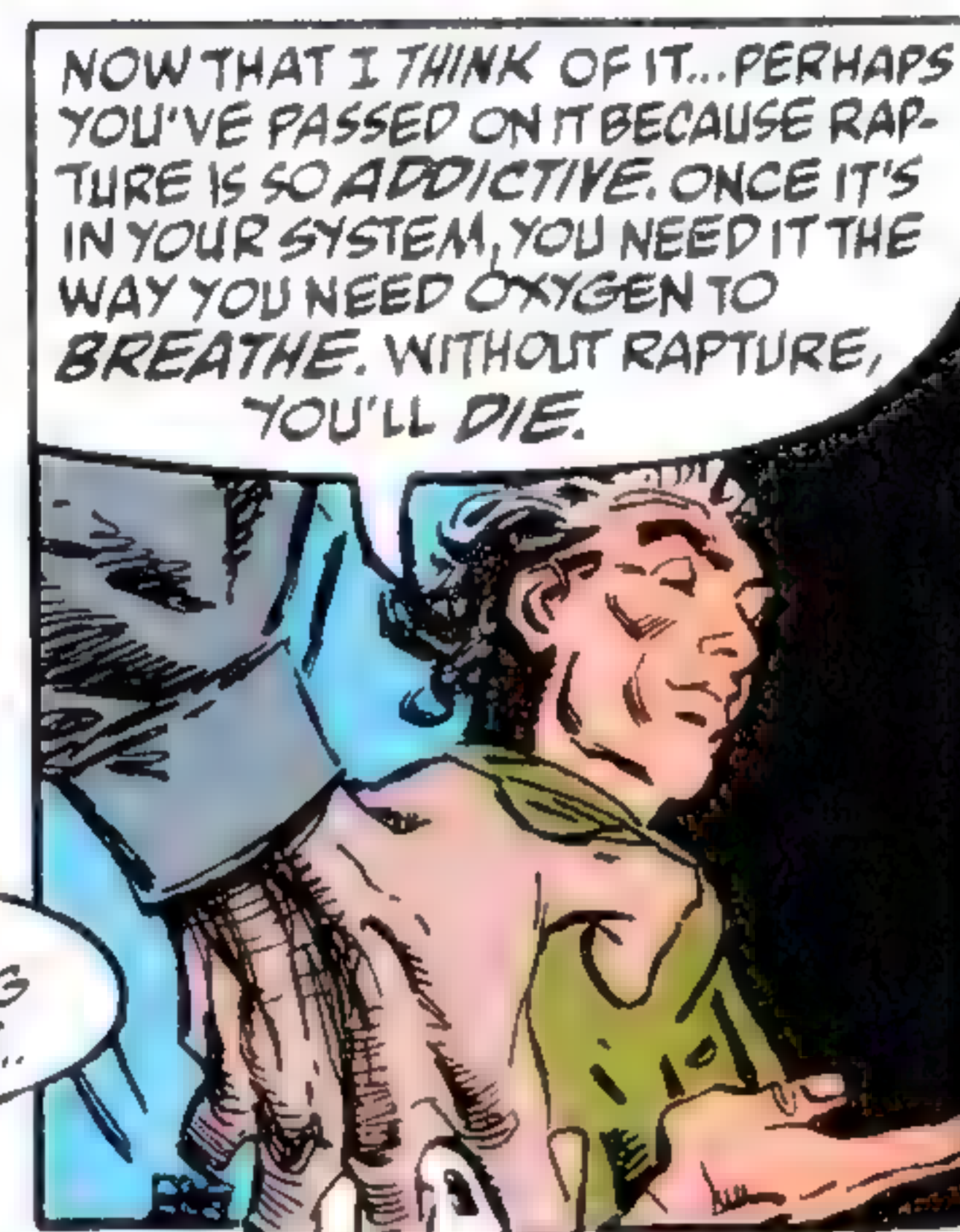


A VERY HIGH-POWERED, MIND-EXPANDING HALLUCINOGEN, PERFECTLY LEGAL, OF COURSE. A NUMBER OF ALCHEMAX EMPLOYEES ARE ALREADY USERS...



BUT MY RECORDS INDICATE YOU'D NEVER AVAILED YOURSELF OF IT. I THOUGHT MAYBE THE PROHIBITIVE EXPENSE HAD MADE YOU HESITATE, SO CONSIDER THIS A PRESENT.

YOU... CREEPING PIECE OF...



NOW THAT I THINK OF IT... PERHAPS YOU'VE PASSED ON IT BECAUSE RAPTURE IS SO ADDICTIVE. ONCE IT'S IN YOUR SYSTEM, YOU NEED IT THE WAY YOU NEED OXYGEN TO BREATHE. WITHOUT RAPTURE, YOU'LL DIE.



YOU WANT TO HIT ME, DON'T YOU? I WOULDN'T. I THINK YOU'LL WANT ME TO REMAIN KINDLY DISPOSED TOWARDS YOU...

ESPECIALLY SINCE ALCHEMAX IS THE ONLY AUTHORIZED RAPTURE DISTRIBUTOR. THAT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER REASON IT HELD NO APPEAL FOR YOU. YOU BEING SUCH AN INDEPENDENT SORT, MIKE... YOU'D NEVER WANT TO GIVE UP YOUR ABILITY TO JUST WALK OUT.

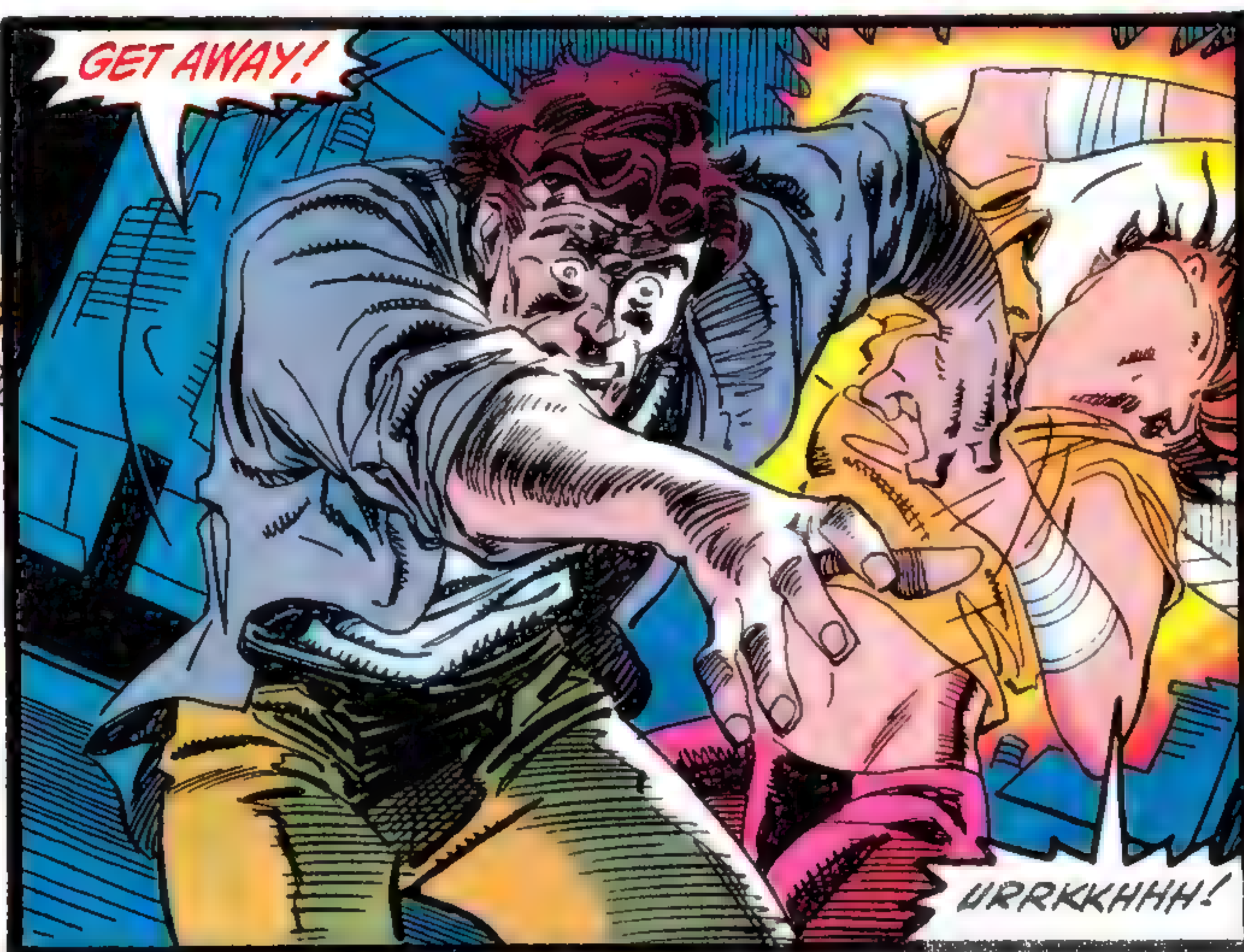
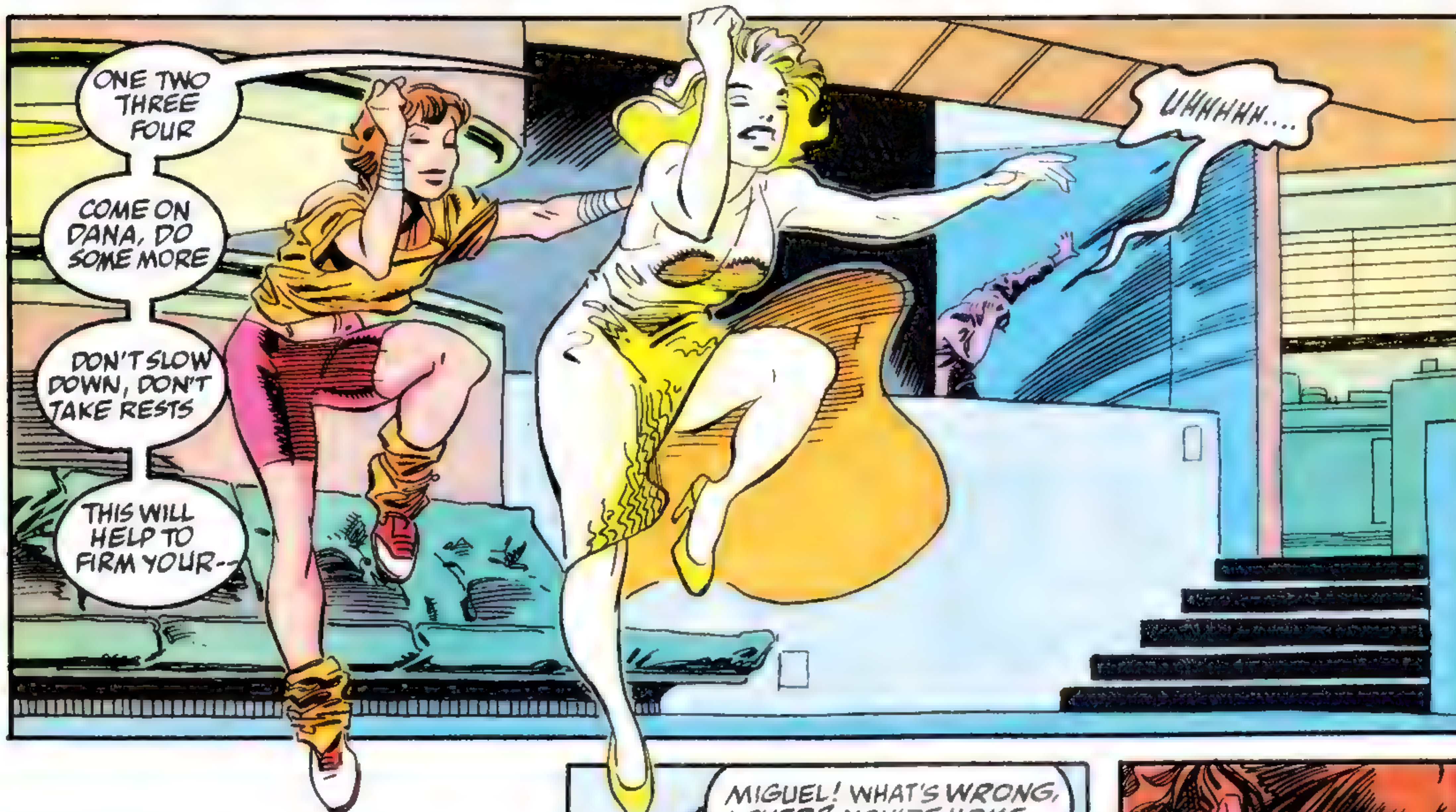


YOU CAN STILL WALK AWAY, MIKE. BUT YOU WON'T LIKE THE CONSEQUENCES.



I'LL HAVE A CAR BRING YOU HOME. GET SOME REST... AND ENJOY THE RAPTURE. IF YOU FIGHT IT, IT CAN BE QUITE NASTY, SO I'D JUST GIVE IN IF I WERE YOU.

AND MIKE... HERE'S HOPING YOU CHOOSE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ALCHEMAX FAMILY FOR SOME TIME TO COME.





AWW, SHOCK, DANA!

I... I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS--

I THOUGHT YOU WERE A--

JUST... JUST KEEP AWAY FROM ME.



HONEY, I SWEAR, I--

AW, MAN, YOUR FACE. I... I FEEL LIKE DIRT.

GOOD!

WHY DID YOU--?



IT'S THE RAPTURE. I WAS FIGHTING IT... SEEING MONSTERS EVERYWHERE. I--

SINCE TYLER STONE DECIDED TO SLIP ME SOME AS INCENTIVE FOR ME TO STAY.

YOU WERE QUITTING ALCHEMAX?

I... I WAS. BUT NOW...

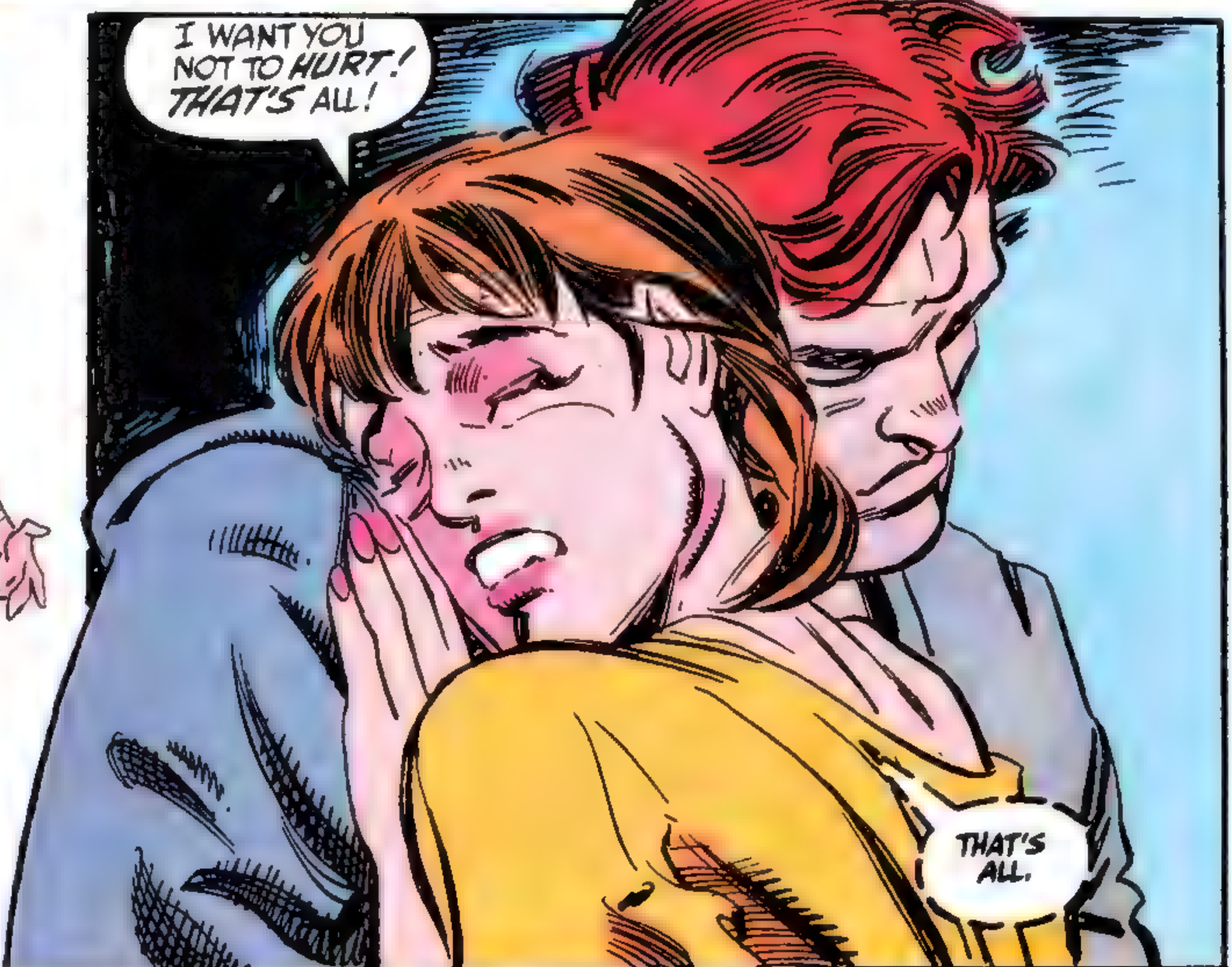
I MEAN, THE EFFECTS HAVE FINALLY PASSED. BUT I CAN FEEL IT **GNAWING** AT ME. I'LL NEED IT AGAIN, SOON... BUT THEN ALCHEMAX HAS MY BUTT IN A **PERMANENT** SLING.

RAPTURE?! SINCE WHEN DO YOU DROP RAPTURE?



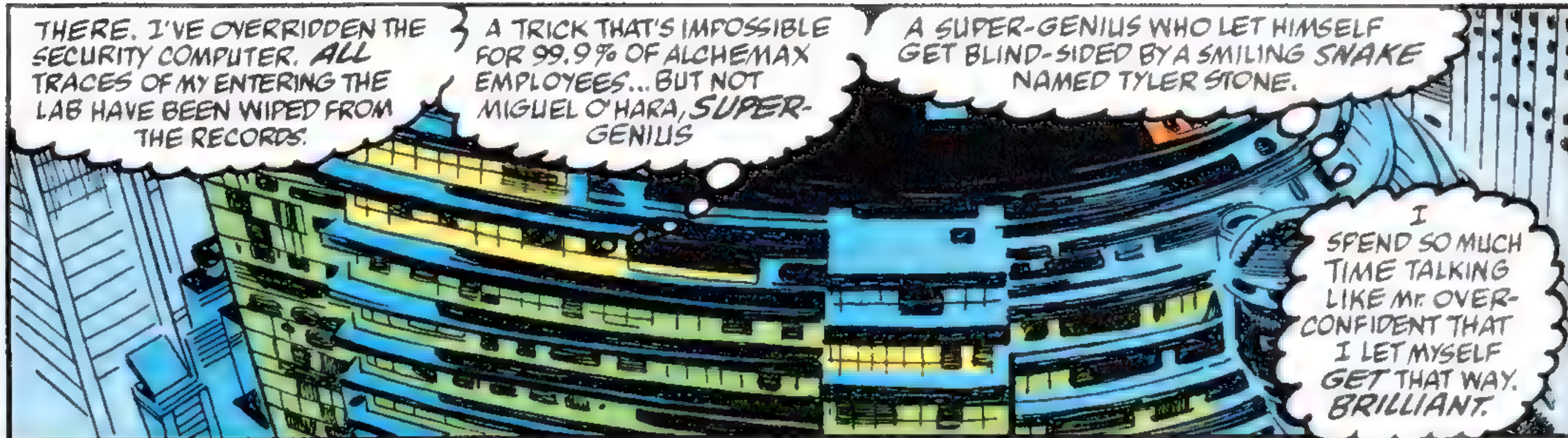
LISTEN. I HAVE FRIENDS. EVEN IF YOU QUIT ALCHEMAX, I CAN PROBABLY GET RAPTURE THROUGH BLACK MARKET--

YOU WANT ME TO BE A LOUSY DRUG ADDICT MY WHOLE LIFE?!



I WANT YOU NOT TO HURT! THAT'S ALL!

THAT'S ALL.

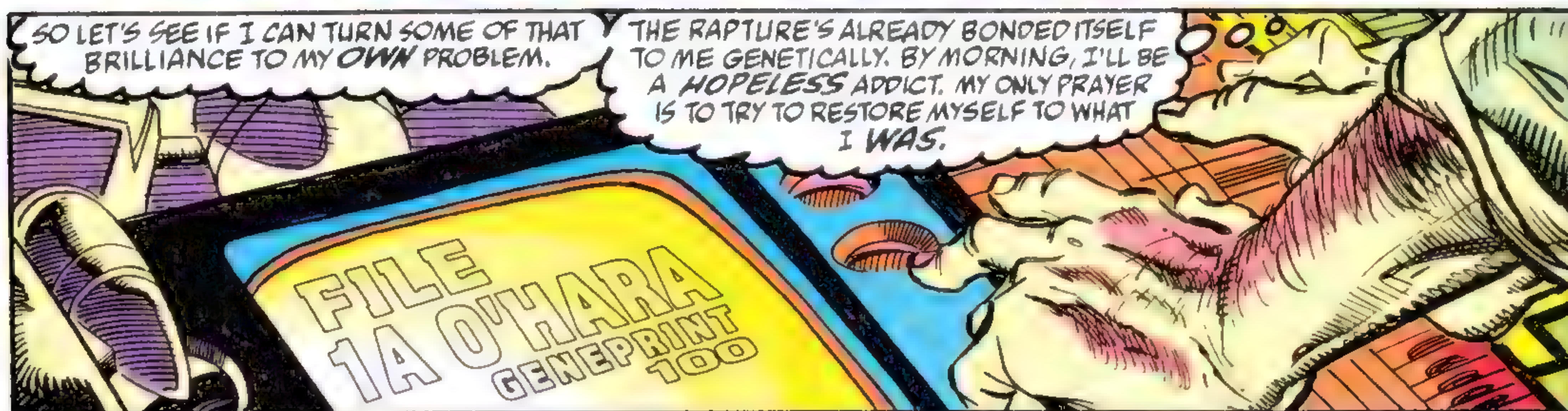


THERE. I'VE OVERRIDDEN THE SECURITY COMPUTER. *ALL* TRACES OF MY ENTERING THE LAB HAVE BEEN WIPED FROM THE RECORDS.

A TRICK THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR 99.9% OF ALCHEMAX EMPLOYEES... BUT NOT MIGUEL O'HARA, *SUPER-GENIUS*

A SUPER-GENIUS WHO LET HIMSELF GET BLIND-SIDED BY A SMILING SNAKE NAMED TYLER STONE.

I SPEND SO MUCH TIME TALKING LIKE MR. OVER-CONFIDENT THAT I LET MYSELF GET THAT WAY. *BRILLIANT.*

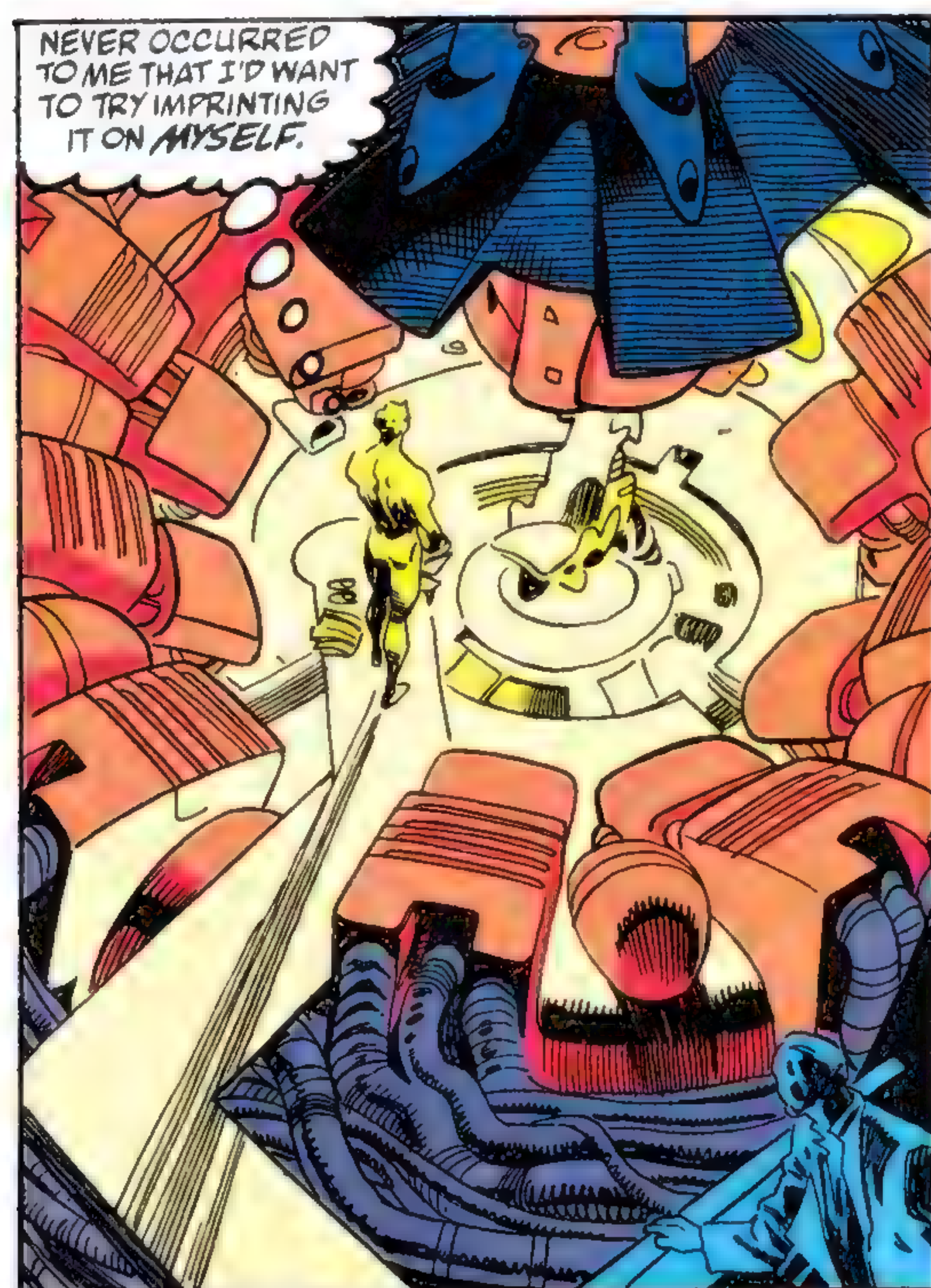


SO LET'S SEE IF I CAN TURN SOME OF THAT BRILLIANCE TO MY *OWN* PROBLEM.

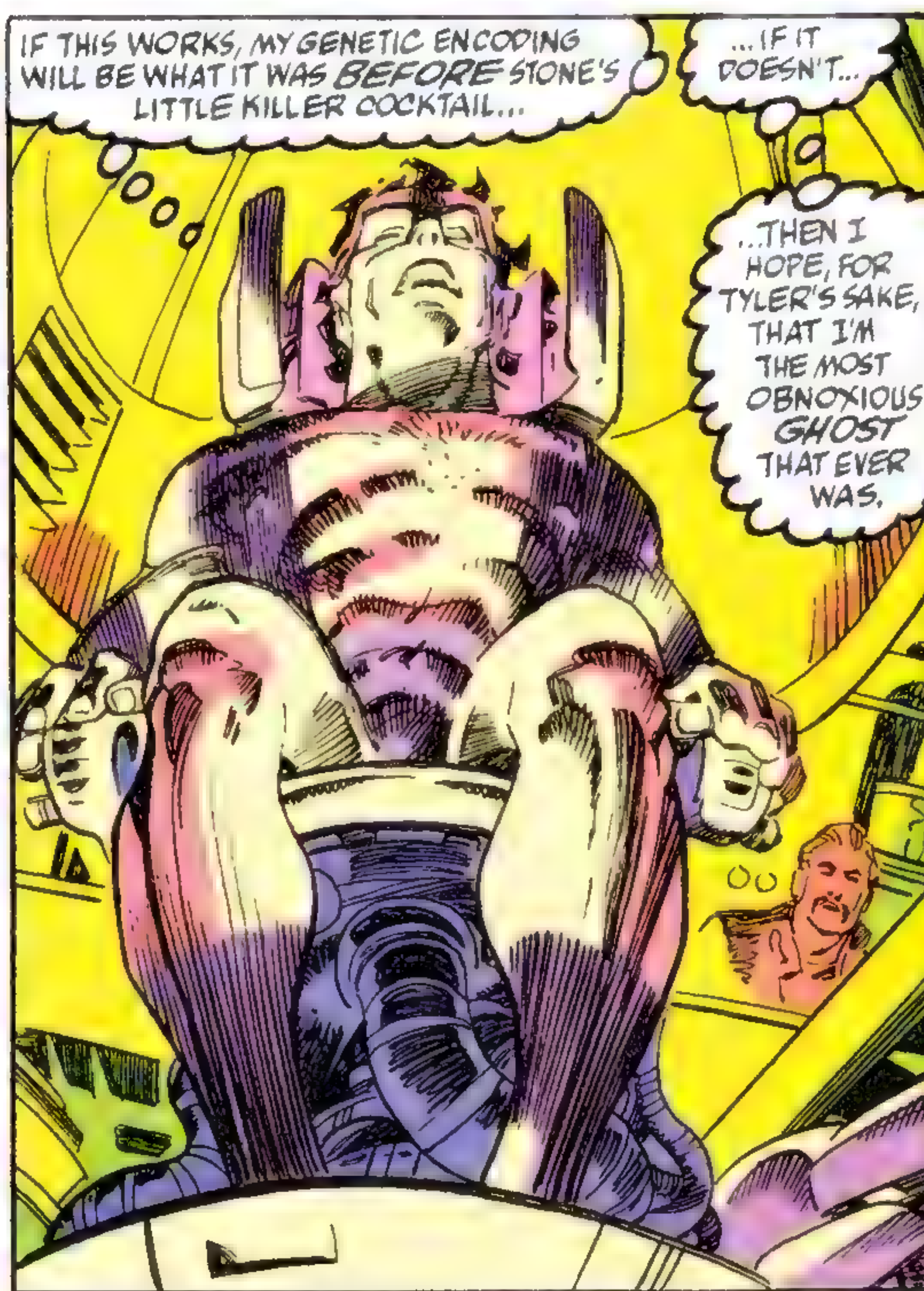
THE RAPTURE'S ALREADY BONDED ITSELF TO ME GENETICALLY. BY MORNING, I'LL BE A *HOPELESS* ADDICT. MY ONLY PRAYER IS TO TRY TO RESTORE MYSELF TO WHAT I *WAS*.



I'VE ALREADY BEEN USING MY OWN GENETIC CODE AS SAMPLE *WORKING* MATERIAL... EXCEPT I'VE BEEN IMPRINTING IT ON *APES*.



NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT I'D WANT TO TRY IMPRINTING IT ON *MYSELF*.



IF THIS WORKS, MY GENETIC ENCODING WILL BE WHAT IT WAS *BEFORE* STONE'S LITTLE KILLER COCKTAIL...

...IF IT DOESN'T...

...THEN I HOPE, FOR TYLER'S SAKE, THAT I'M THE MOST OBNOXIOUS *GHOST* THAT EVER WAS.



MIGUEL
O'HARA,
WORKING
OVER-
TIME.

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O'HARA
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MY PUMPING UP THE
LEVELS OF **EVERY**
BLASTED PIECE OF
EQUIPMENT IN THE
IMPRINT
SEQUENCE.

WHAT'S THIS
BUTTON DO? POOR,
DUMB OLD AARON
DELGATO WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND **YOUR**
GREAT CONCEPTS,
WOULD I, O'HARA?

FILE
47-A
SPIDER
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A PITY
IF SOME-
THING WENT
WRONG...
SOMETHING
LIKE... SAY...

DOESN'T MUCH MATTER
WHEN **I'M** IN THE DRIVER'S
SEAT, THOUGH, **DOES IT?!**

WARNING.
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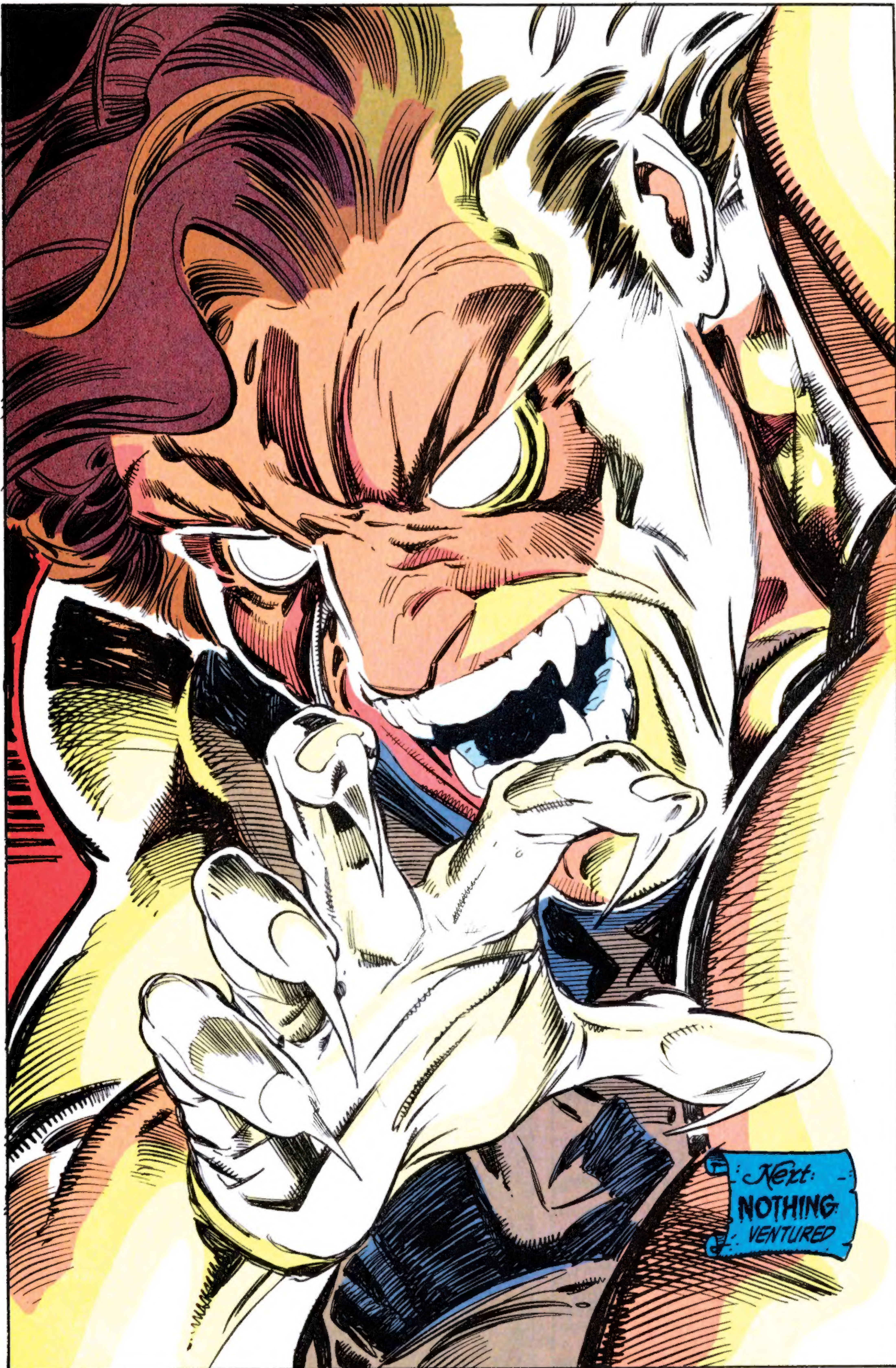
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